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MEETING IN LONDON

FATE OF NAVAL PARLEY

Parity Demand Upheld By Japanese

CONFERENCE MAY CONTINUE WITHOUT JAPAN

London, To-day.

The fate of the Naval Conference is at present being decided at a meeting at the Foreign Office between Mr. Anthony Eden, Lord Monsell, Admiral Nagano and Admiral Nagai. The meeting was called on the British invitation with the object of ascertaining the usefulness of continuing on the present basis.

In the event of an adverse decision it is expected that the Conference will continue without Japan, as the other four Powers are near agreement, at least regarding the plans for exchanging information of prospective programmes.

MEETING NEXT MONDAY

Later: As a result of the inconclusive outcome of yesterday afternoon's meeting, the Naval Conference will continue, at least for some days. It is understood that the Japanese maintained their desire that the Conference should revert to discussion of quantitative limitation.

It was agreed to postpone the pronouncement on the Japanese parity demand to to-day's meeting to enable the other delegations to be sounded as to whether they were agreeable to it. It is pointed out that the British willingness to discuss the parity proposals does not mean that their opposition to the common upper limit is weakening, but they are willing to discuss the matter further before pronouncing on it.

The next formal meeting of the Conference committee will be held next Monday evening.—Reuter.

CANTON PROPOSES NEW SCHEME

Second Three Year Plan Preparing

POOR RESULTS ACHIEVED BY FIRST

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Canton, To-day.

Government officials are being instructed to-day to speed up the drafting of the various provisions in a second Three Year Plan, as this work should be completed by the end of March.

Considerable publicity was given to the first Three-Year Plan by the local official newspapers and news agencies, but the result of the Plan is very meagre. Only a number of Government factories were established, while the controlled economy as envisaged by the plan seems to have brought a business depression.

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PHILADELPHIA CHOSEN FOR DEMOCRAT CONVENTION

Washington, To-day.—The Democratic National Committee has selected Philadelphia for the national convention beginning on June 22. Philadelphia offered \$200,000 with free halls, San Francisco \$200,000 and Chicago \$150,000.—Reuter.



Reports of a 30-year oil concession in Italy in exchange for aid in the present oil crisis there is denied by Walter C. Teagle, above, president of the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey. The deal is said to have been made by Premier Mussolini and the head of the Standard Oil's Italian subsidiary.

HEAVY WEATHER IN BRITAIN

RENEWED MENACE OF FLOODS

MENAI SUSPENSION BRIDGE CLOSED

London, To-day.

The unprecedented course of broadcasting an appeal to the people to remain indoors until the storm had abated was taken yesterday by the Chief Constable of Manchester at the height of the worst gale of the winter, which in some places reached 100 miles an hour and caused widespread damage and threatens the renewed menace of floods.

Lancashire suffered severely in the worst disaster at the mouth of the River Mersey, where the small cargo steamer Bradda was blown off its course and struck a sandbank two miles from Formby Point and overturned. There is only one survivor from the crew of six. Five bodies have been washed ashore.

Two people were killed by a falling tree at Rawtenstall, and a girl was killed by the collapse of a wall in Manchester. Five people were injured at Leeds when a hoarding was blown down.

The famous Menai Straits suspension bridge between Anglesey and Carnarvon has been closed, the centre span having been thrown out of position, but the bridge is in no immediate danger.—Reuter.

WORLD SOCIAL PROBLEMS

Women's Council Meet In India

London, To-day.

Dame Elizabeth Cadbury sailed for India to-day to attend the conference at Calcutta of the National Council of the Women of India, which delegates from eight European countries are attending as well as delegates from Canada, Australia, China and Japan. It is understood that the Council will discuss international peace and health, moral and social problems.—Reuter.

TENSION EASED

RESTRAINED OPTIMISM

BREATHING SPACE ALLOWED

FURTHER MEETINGS BETWEEN MINE OWNERS AND WORKERS

London, To-day.

The miners' Executive has decided to postpone lodging the strike notices. A national delegates' conference will be held on January 24. A further meeting with the owners is to be held on January 23. This announcement is a sequel to the discussions lasting two hours yesterday between the parties, after which the sub-committee of the mine-owners reported to their executive.

Later: The decision of the miners' executive to postpone the handing in of the strike notices has caused a feeling of restrained optimism. It is pointed out that even if a strike is ultimately decided by the national conference on January 24, it will inevitably be postponed until the middle of February, and it is possible that the conference will call off the strike if the terms which have been under discussion are regarded as sufficiently satisfactory.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

HOPEFUL POSSIBILITIES

London: The situation arising out of the miners' claim for a wages increase took a more hopeful turn last evening, when, following further discussions between the colliery owners and miners' representatives, the Executive Committee of the Mine-workers' Federation met last night and passed a resolution, with the effect of delaying the decision as to the handing-in of the strike notices. The executive had been authorised by the delegates' Conference in December to order the handing-in of notices so that they should become effective on January 27 unless satisfactory proposals were made.

On Wednesday night the Executive informed the Secretary for Mines, Capt. Crookshank, that the proposals communicated on Wednesday by the colliery owners' representatives were not satisfactory. Last night's decision, however, postpones the final resolve for or against strike action until a further delegates' conference, to be convened for January 24, has heard the report on the negotiations, which are not yet ended, for there is to be another joint meeting between the owners and unions' representatives on January 23.

NO FURTHER STATEMENT

No further statement was issued by either side yesterday, but it was known that after the Secretary for Mines' reiteration at the interview on Wednesday night of the Government's unwillingness to consider a subsidy in aid of higher wages, the Union officials were going to urge the owners to revise their offer, with a view to making them more satisfactory. The adjournment of the discussion to a later date and the postponement of the men's decision gives ground for the hope that in the opinion of both sides, the possibility of reaching an agreement are not exhausted.—British Wireless Service.



After having been Russia's man of mystery for years, since he became its absolute dictator, Joseph Stalin (left) is being given a build-up as a human by his regime with Russian newspapers running sentimental stories about his mother and numerous news photographs such as this, showing him in a moment of relaxation with K. E. Voroshilov, the Soviet Minister of War.

S. AFRICA & SANCTIONS

FULL CO-OPERATION WITH LEAGUE PROMISED BY UNION

—CHINA MAIL—SPECIAL

Geneva, To-day.

The Union of South Africa is the first country to reply to proposal No. 5, drawn up by the Sanctions Conference concerning mutual support by the States taking part in economic measures against Italy.

U.S. MUNITIONS ENQUIRY

POLICE GUARD FOR MR. MORGAN

PARTNER DOES ALL THE TALKING

Washington, To-day.

A strong police guard is posted at the table where Mr. J. P. Morgan and his partners sit at the munitions enquiry, and also escorts them in their comings and goings. It is recalled that a madman tried to murder Mr. Morgan in 1915, when he broke into Mr. Morgan's Long Island home.

Mr. Morgan does not appear to be worried and spends most of his time smoking, leaving it to his partner, Mr. T. A. Lamont, to do most of the talking.

Evidence has been produced showing that 84 per cent. of the arms and steel weapons which the allies purchased from the United States before her entry into the war was sent through the Morgan company.

INDIGNANT DENIAL
Mr. Lamont indignantly denied the suggestion that the Morgan Company or Wall Street wanted the war to continue. Mr. Morgan interjected: "Of course they wanted it to stop. I did not want my son to go to the war, but he did."

Mr. Morgan's partner, Mr. George Whitney, revealed that the United States Treasury paid off \$294,000,000 worth of British private indebtedness in 1918. He said this was done because the Treasury was about to float a new Liberty Loan when the obligations fell due, and did not desire to compete with a higher interest rate for their refundings.—Reuter.

WEATHER REPORT

There is no change in the anti-cyclonic pressure in highest over Manchuria. North-east winds fresh, cloudy, was the forecast for to-day, as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning.

BUT NO CASUALTIES REPORTED

PRINCE ISMAIL DAUD'S ALLEGATION DENIED

ITALY EMPHATICALLY DENOUNCES STORY OF MUTINY

Cairo, To-day.

In addition to attacking an Egyptian ambulance at Daggahbur eight Italian aeroplanes bombed and subjected to machine-gun fire an Egyptian ambulance unit situated at Bolally, 7½ hours distant from Daggahbur. According to a telegram from Prince Ismail Daoud, the attack lasted a quarter of an hour. There were no casualties.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

Rome: The responsible Italian authorities describe the Abyssinian reports of the occupation of the Tembien district as being completely false. They also deny that Italian planes bombed the Egyptian Red Cross unit near Daggahbur.

On the other hand it is declared in Italian quarters that the Abyssinians are abusing the red cross sign to an ever-increasing extent. Further, all the reports that Italian troops have begun gas warfare are emphatically denied.—Trans-Ocean Service.

London: The report of a mutiny at the barracks of Merano, which Rome emphatically denies, is given prominence in yesterday's Innsbruck papers, which claim to be accurate. In connection with the reports of desertions among Tyrolean conscripts across the frontier, which Rome also denies, a Belgrade message says that it is understood that 2,000 Italian military refugees are distributed among the barracks of Yugoslavia.

The authorities are considering making a concentration camp at Puzla, Bosnia. It is reported that an Italian woman spying on deserters has been arrested at Maribor. About 120 Italian officers are reported to be interned in Bistritza.

A Berlin message says that the Foreign Office declares that the competent authorities have no knowledge of any large influx of Tyrolean deserters to Germany.—Reuter.

CIVIL FLYING IN GERMANY

FASTER MAXIMUM SPEEDS

FINE PERFORMANCE BY PASSENGER PLANE

—CHINA MAIL—SPECIAL

Berlin, To-day.

A new epoch in the development of civil aviation in Germany began yesterday at the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the German airways, when a new fast type Heinkel HE III was shown attaining a maximum speed of 256¼ m.p.h. on trial, with a capacity average of 250 m.p.h. on routine service flights.

The HE III carried 10 passengers with a full complement of luggage, and is the first civil aeroplane in Germany to attain this speed. The fastest plane hitherto has been the HE 70, with four passengers, which attained a maximum velocity of 235½ m.p.h.

The HE III was built at the Rostock works and has a perfectly smooth outer surface. It is a deep-decker made of a light metal chassis, and the tail-wheel folds into the body in flight, minimising the windage. The passenger space is divided into two compartments, one of which is a "smoker".—Trans-Ocean Service.

BOY SCOUTS JAMBOREE

OPENED BY LORD BADEN-POWELL

Cape Town, To-day.

Three thousand boy scouts have gathered at East London, Cape of Good Hope, for the South African Jamboree, at which Lord Baden-Powell, the Chief Scout, presided and delivered the opening speech.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

RAILWAY CONTRACTS FOR BRITISH FIRMS

London, To-day.—Contracts for \$22,000 worth of railway material have been placed by the New Zealand Government with the British firm.—British Wireless Service.

OBITUARY

Famous Film Actor John Gilbert

LOVER OF THE SCREEN

Hollywood, To-day.

The death has occurred of the film actor John Gilbert.

John Gilbert, who was born on July 10, 1897, at Logan (Utah), made his stage debut at the age of one, when he was brought on in a poem by his mother.

For some years, he followed his mother and father, who acted chiefly in touring companies around the United States.

The only real education he had was, therefore, obtained when later he entered a military school in California.

When he graduated he became temporarily a salesman in a small shop, but the theatre was in his veins, and in March 1915, he found his first theatrical job as stage manager of a stock company.

This did not last long, however. He was dismissed after his first night for running down the curtain before the act was finished.—(Continued on Page 14)

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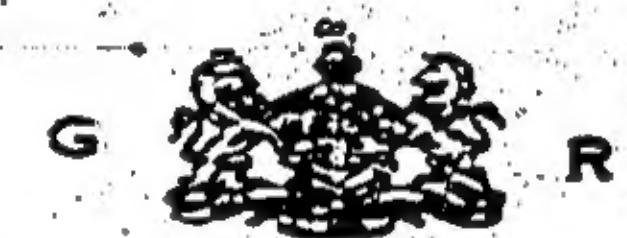
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PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 13th day of January 1936, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Kan Lung Tsai in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898 with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years, less the last three days hereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the purchaser will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, \$200.00 in cash—This sum will be refunded on payment of the purchase price.

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BRIDGE NOTES

Declarer Guessed Wrong

By Ely Culbertson

While Bridge is an intellectual game and pre-eminently a game of skill, it involves elements of luck just as important as the Aces and Kings with which tricks

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LEE TO LEAD S. CHINA "A" AGAINST KOWLOON IN SENIOR SHIELD



Chan Kwai-liang, above, the former South China "A" left-wing, will probably fill Tam Kong-pak's left-back position to-morrow in the Senior Shield match against Kowloon.

SHIELD HOLDERS SHOULD WIN FROM LYEMUM

South China "B" Changes

PAU TO BE IN GOAL

South China "B", holders of the Senior Shield, should secure entry into the Semi-Final Round when they meet the Artillery (Lyemum), to-morrow, despite the fact that the latter are a very much improved team.

Pau Ka-ping will be in goal for the Chinese, while Yu Hing-yuen may be brought into the side at left-back in place of Lee Kam, who is injured.

The problem that the South China selectors are faced with is the composition of the intermediate line, for with George Tsang, who was injured about three weeks ago, reporting fit again, there will be four players from whom to make the selections.

Forward Problem

The forward line will probably be the same as in the previous week, but there has been talk of the centre-forward berth being filled by either Ho Kar-leung, the former Athletic senior leader, or Ng Po-kui. The final selections will be made just before the match.

Lyemum have quite a useful side out with Morton again in the centre-half berth. He is easily the outstanding player in the team and has been conspicuous for some good football in his last three or four games. Beece, in the centre-forward position, is a dashing type of player who needs the closest attention as he is one of those who favour "first-timers".

They did well to force the East Lanes to a draw last week, but though even their most ardent supporter does not expect them to take the points from the Chinese, they may be depended upon to give the South China defence a busy time.

9TH BATTERY'S BIG SOCCER WIN

Ordnance Swamped In Small Units League

On the Military ground, Happy Valley, yesterday, the 9th Battery, Royal Artillery, overwhelmed the Royal Army Service Corps by 11 goals to 1 in their Small Units football League encounter.

The Gunners led at the interval by 7 goals to 1.

Reece (5), Knight (4), Sparkes and Mash scored for the Battery, while Lennir obtained the solitary goal for the Corps.

MILLWALL SECURE NEW INSIDE FORWARD

Millwall have signed J. McFadyen, inside-forward, from Buckhaven (Fifehire). He is 20 years of age, is 5ft. 10 in. height, and weighs 12st. 4lb.

NAVY SHOULD DEFEAT CLUB IN SHIELD

GOOD FOOTBALL EXPECTED

SAILORS' TEAM UNCERTAIN

After their sensational win over the Army in the Lai Wah Cup competition last Sunday, the Navy will commence favourites in their Senior Shield match against the Club to-morrow, and the game should produce some very good football.

The Club defence, with George Rodger in goal, and Ralston and Strange forming the full-back division, will have all their work cut out to keep the nippy Navy forwards from scoring.

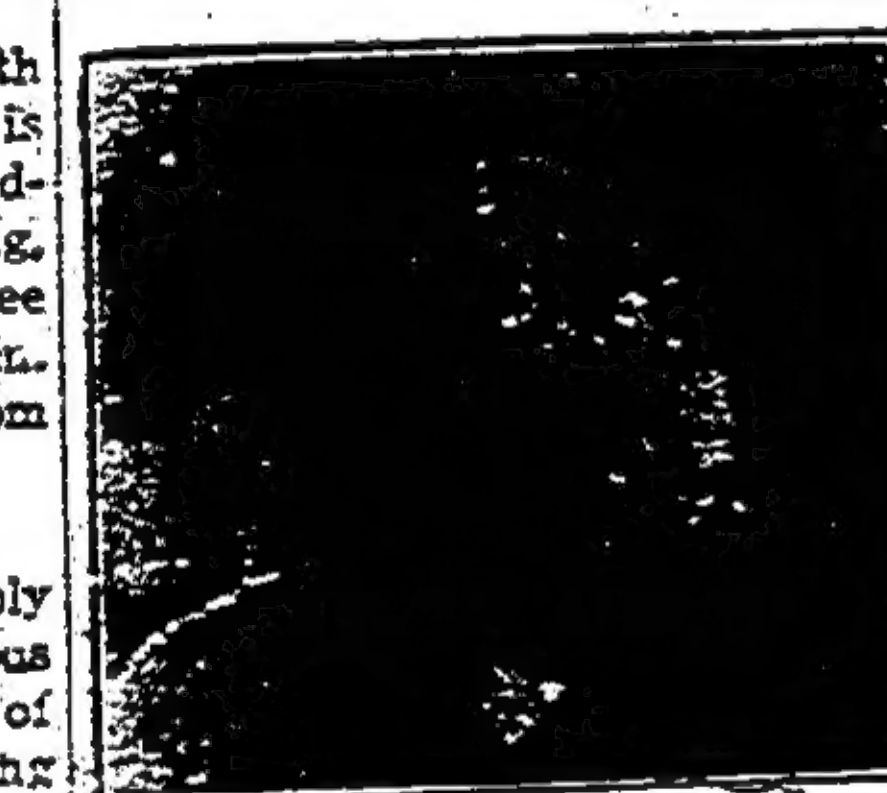
Rodger is playing very well this season which, incidentally, will be his last in senior division soccer, but, while Ralston is still a very sound player, Anne Domini is beginning to tell and he is not as fast as he used to be.

Drown Absent

Drown, the Club inside-right, will not be available as he has gone up to Canton. His position in the team will be taken by Hill.

Owing to the exigencies of the Service, the Navy are ever an undecided team, but they will field practically the same eleven as last week, when Bowers, at centre-half, gave a polished display.

In Stallard and Regier they have a very sound pair of backs who should be able to keep the Club forwards from approaching the danger zone.



Lan Man, above, the South China "A" reserve full-back, was originally selected to fill the left-back position, but has had to stand down owing to illness.

DURHAM PLAYS FINE GAME AS A FORWARD

7th Beat 12th Bty. At Soccer

KEEN CLASH IN SMALL UNITS LEAGUE

On the Military Ground, Happy Valley, yesterday, the 7th Battery Royal Artillery beat the 12th Battery by 5 goals to 1 in the Small Units Football League.

Taylor shone for the losers, but early in the second half he collided with Durham and had to leave the field for a while. Though he returned later, he had lost the dash he had displayed in the first half.

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SENIOR SHIELD TEAMS

The following are the teams for the Senior Shield:

St. Joseph's: B. Souza, L. Souza, V. Costa, Woo, Sinclair, Elms, Victor, Ward, Leonard, Hussain and Fernandes.

Club: Rodger, Ralston, Strange, Gilchrist, Parrow, Skinner, Fowler, G. Hill, Elliott, E. Strange and Bickford.

The Ulsters: Connors, Picturing, Stevens, McGonigal, Campbell, Nelson, Bravery, Erwin, Ferguson, Miller and Hartigan. Reserve: McKinney.

Navy: Roberts, Stallard and Regier; Clarkson, Bowers and Wallace; Engham, Barber, Connell, Crawford and A. N. O'Brien.

Police: McHenry, Blackburn and Coo; North, George and Parker. T. P. Stevens, Johnston, Brooks and Moss.



Everest, above, who has been displaying great form in Kowloon's defence recently, will have to be on the alert to-morrow when opposed to South China "A's" forwards in the Senior Shield.

JUNIOR SHIELD HOLDERS SHOULD BEAT ATHLETIC

Callard Must Be Watched

CHINESE BELOW THEIR LEAGUE STRENGTH

The Royal Engineers, holders of the Junior Shield, will be fully tested by the Athletic, for several years one of the best Junior Shield teams in the Colony, in their clash to-morrow.

The Athletic will not be the same strength as their League team owing to the ineligibility of several of their players, who have already played in a senior game, but, nevertheless, they have a very useful team and should give a good account of themselves.

The Engineers have now struck their best form, and during the last few games Howell has been outstanding—he is likely to be the biggest source of danger to the Chinese.

Callard A Useful Forward
It is fortunate that Darby and Creagh are also playing well, while the other forwards, Boyling and Callard, can be relied upon to do their best at all times.

Callard, on the wing, has a good shot and his goal against the Fusiliers last week was a grand effort.

Coleman is another player who has shown up well, recently and, with Hurst at centre half, their intermediate line is fairly safe.

FUSILIERS' BIG OBSTACLE TO EASTERN

JUNIOR SHIELD TIE TO-MORROW

CHINESE INCONSISTENCY MAY CAUSE DOWNFALL

One of the greatest obstacles to Eastern's ambitions of winning the Junior Shield will be encountered to-morrow, when they meet the Fusiliers in the Second Round.

The Fusiliers are very near the top of the Second Division table, having lost only one game, though they have drawn several. They have a sound defence, which includes Saunders, the goalkeeper, easily one of the best in the junior League, and two sound backs in Gaisley and Slack, whose clean kicking and tackling have featured the regiment's recent games.

Morgan, recently from the Third Division, has fully justified his promotion, and McHugh is a good pivot. In the forward line Parry and Bumster are most dangerous, though the entire combine needs watching.

Eastern's inconsistency in the Junior League and can be considered as one of the most inconsistent sides in local football. After their great win over South China in the replay of the First Round of the Shield it was expected that they would continue in the same vein, but they have not.

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FINE CLASH EXPECTED

CHINESE HARD HIT BY INJURIES

Leung & Lee Kwok Wai

Doubtful Starters

WINCH DROPPED FROM KOWLOON ATTACK

(By "REFEREE")

A fine struggle is forecasted in the Second Round of the Senior Shield soccer competition to-morrow, when a very much depleted South China "A" team will visit the Kowloon Football Club, from whom stout opposition is expected.

South China have been very hard hit by injuries and the likely absence of Tam Kong-pak will rob them of one of their best defenders.

To remedy this, however, the South China selectors have brought Chan Kwai-liang, their former outside-left, into the left-back position because of his splendid headwork and have included Kwong King-chung, a junior player, on the left-wing.

Lan Man III

The Selectors had originally selected Lan Man for the left-back position, but the latter has since been taken ill.

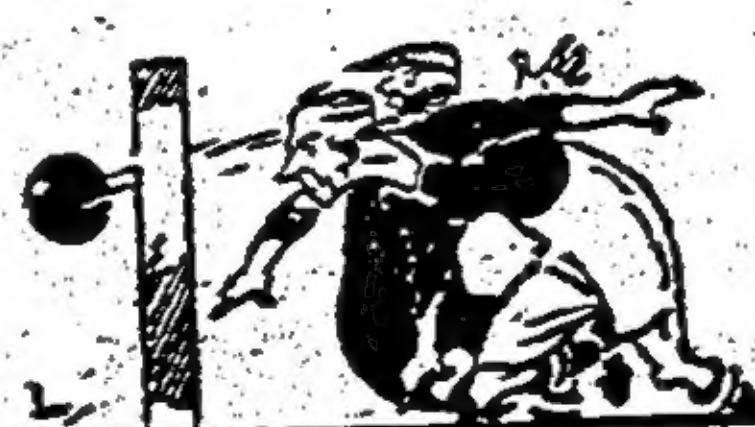
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TAM KONG-PAK UNDER SUSPENSION

Sequel To Incident In Lai Wah Cup

Tam Kong-pak, the South China "A" left-back and Interport forward, was last night suspended for a period of two months by the Hong Kong Football Association. This is the sequel to an incident in last Sunday's Lai Wah Cup game, when Tam was alleged to have deliberately kicked Elliott, the Civilian's centre-forward.

Fung Chee, of the Railway R.C., was also suspended for a period of two months for "jumping at and elbowing" during the Third Division game against the Liga Portuguesa on January 4.



ROVER'S FORECAST

The following is the forecast for the week-end fixtures, giving the favoured team in capital letters:

TO-MORROW

SENIOR SHIELD
St. Joseph's (Causeway Bay, 4 p.m.)
Club
Navy (Club, 4 p.m.)
Lyemum (R.A.) v S. CHINA "B" (Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.)
Kowloon v S. CHINA "A" (Kowloon P.C., 4 p.m.)

JUNIOR SHIELD
R. ENGINEERS v Athletic (Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)
ULSTERS v Liga Portuguesa (Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.)
FUSILIERS v Eastern (Causeway Bay, 2.30 p.m.)
NAVY v East (Club, 2.30 p.m.)

FIRST DIVISION
Ulsters (King's Park, 4 p.m.)

SUNDAY

INTERPORT TRIAL (Club, 3.30 p.m.)



Morton, above, will be the mainstay of the Lyemum (Royal Artillery) side which will meet South China "B", holders of the Senior Shield, to-morrow afternoon on the Caroline Hill ground.

EAST LANCS' JUNIORS OUT FOR "DOUBLE"

Hard Game Against Navy To-morrow

GOOD JUNIOR SHIELD CLASH EXPECTED

One of the sternest struggles in the Junior Shield Competition for some time will be seen on the Club ground to-morrow, when the East Lanes, last year's finalists, encounter a strong Navy team.

The Navy have for many years figured very prominently in the Junior Shield, and this year they have a team which has not been changed about very much, and this should prove a definite asset.

Spencer and Gould are their most dangerous forwards, while Tudor, in the pivot position, is also very useful.

East Lanes For "Double"

The East Lanes, potential winners of the Second Division, are all out to record the double, and if they beat the Navy they will have a very good chance.

Ball and Harwood, the two backs, are safe, while Carroll, Thorpe and McLeavey form a fine intermediate line. The latter will be remembered for his great display in Scotland's team on Christmas Day.

Tuley's Comeback

In the forward line Tuley is very fast. He has been out of League football for some time owing to an injured toe, but has lost none of his form, while O'Donnell leads the attack in a thrustful manner.

The winners of this game have a very good chance of entering the Final Round.

ULSTERS MAKE SHIELD DEBUT TO-MORROW

BIG TASK AGAINST LIGA PORTUGUESA

RIBEIRO STRENGTHENS PORTUGUESE

The Ulster Rifles will make their debut in the Junior Shield competition to-morrow when they meet the Liga Portuguesa in the Second Round.

Though the new regiment went down badly to the Navy last week, they gave a very impressive account of themselves and should show an improvement to-morrow.

The Liga, who are making a determined bid for the title, have several experienced players, and the fact that R. Ribeiro, one of the most promising of the Saints' players was recently transferred to them should strengthen the side considerably.

H. Souza will lead the forwards and, with the Santos brothers in the line-up, should give the Ulsters' defence a busy time.

Three Good Inside

E. Lawrence, an old Recreio and St. Joseph's player, will occupy the pivot position and, with Gomes and Cean behind him, should be able to hold the opposing forwards.

SENIOR SHIELD FINALISTS' TASK TO-MORROW

ST. JOSEPH'S ARE MUCH IMPROVED

BUT POLICE LIKELY WINNERS

The Police, last season's Senior Shield finalists, will encounter the much improved St. Joseph's team in their Second Round encounter to-morrow, when a very fine match is anticipated with the odds favouring the former.

The Police are making no changes in the side which shared two points with the Club last Saturday, but they will have to display a vast improvement if they hope to stave off the challenge of the nippy Saints' forwards, who were responsible for the downfall of the Recreio in the earlier stages of the competition.

Pile and Stevens make a fine right-wing partnership, but Johnson, in spite of his improved form, could do better if he attempted more shots from within shooting range, instead of attempting to walk the ball into the net.

Left-Wing Danger

Brooks has displayed his best form since his transfer from right-half to inside-left and, together with Moss, whose exclusion from the Interport trials is a mystery, should provide most of the danger from the Police attack.

Blackburn, their right-back, has been consistently good for the past two or three seasons, but



Brooks, above, the Police inside-left, will have his work cut to-morrow when opposed to the powerful St. Joseph's defence in the Senior Shield.

should he fail to-morrow the St. Joseph's left-wing partnership of Hussain and Fernandes, will be quick to snap up any opening.

Two Hard Workers

Although the Saints' defence is not nearly so polished as that of some of the leading First Division Clubs, they perform their task in as good style. Souza, who plays in goal for the Radio hockey team, is a fine custodian, possessing a good eye and a fine sense of anticipation.

L. Souza and V. Costa are two hard-working full-backs and can both head to advantage, the latter's height being one of his best assets, while both clear first-time with deadly precision whenever possible.

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JUNIOR SHIELD TEAMS

The following are the teams for the Junior Shield:

Navy: Hills, Clarke and Hopkins; Gilbert, Tudor and A. N. O'Brien; Anson, Gould, Spencer, Wride and Wilcox.

Eastern: Ip Yau-tok, Ng Ying-lay, Omar, Chan Koon-ping, Sm Ping-shun, Chan Ping-to, Chan Sing-hong, Pok Yin-wah, Sung Ling-sing, Tang Tam-wan and Sahbin.

East Lanes: Williams, Harwood, Ball, Walkden, Carroll, Thorpe, McLeavey, Scullion, O'Donnell, Crook and Tuley.

Engineers: Sellack, Slack, Wilford, Coleman, Hurst, Dewell, Callard, Boyling, Deary, Howlett and Creagh.

Liga: A. Quim, Gomes, Cean, C. Souza, H. Ribeiro, M. Ribeiro, E. Lawrence, J. Santos, H. Souza, C. Santos, J. Ribeiro.

Lyemum: R.A.—Picturing, Higgins and Clarkson; Taylor, Morton, East and Fisher; Rivers, Brown, Beece, Spence and Knight.



George Hill, above, has been taken out of the Club defence to fill Drown's vacancy at inside-right for to-morrow's Senior Shield clash against the powerful Naval side.

ULSTERS AND RECREIO IN LEAGUE TILT

Erwin And Campbell Soldiers' Best

A. V. GOSANO TO MOVE UP TO CENTRE-HALF?

The Ulsters created such a favourable impression in their debut last week, when they lost 2-1 to St. Joseph's (much against the run of play), that they are expected to give a good account of themselves against the Recreio to-morrow in their First Division clash, though the latter are favoured to win.

The Recreio bested the Fusiliers with a much depleted team last week, but they will not find the robust methods of the Ulsters to their liking.

Erwin Is Dangerous

The game will probably be on the fast side, but this should suit the Ulsters who have three very good men in Hartigan, Campbell and Connors, the last named being their custodian. Their right-winger, Erwin, also showed good ball-control, and when he has thoroughly settled down to local conditions more should be heard of this player.

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INTERPORT TRIAL FOR SUNDAY

Following Strenuous Shield Matches!

The first official Interport soccer trial will take place next Sunday afternoon on the Club ground commencing at 3.30 p.m.

Curiously enough last year's Interport trial also took place after a strenuous Saturday (the Second Round) in the Senior and Junior Shield competitions take place to-morrow when a disappointing exhibition was given by both teams.

The following are the teams for the trial:

Whites:—Rodger (Club); Mak Sui-hon (Athletic); S. Strange (Club); Leung Wing-chi (S. China "A"); Wong Mei-sun (S. China "A"); Two Kwan-sing (S. China "A"); A. Ward (St. Joseph's); Sandford (East Lanes); E. Strange (Club) and Bickford (Club).

Team Manager:—Captain E. Hague R.A.

Colours:—Rowlands (Fusiliers); Swain (East Lanes); and Steele (East Lanes); Lai Kwok-chi (Athletic); Beltrac (Recreio) (Captain) and Elms (St. Joseph's); E. Gosano (Recreio); Hill (Club); Leonard (St. Joseph's); and Erwin (Fusiliers) and Roberts (Fusiliers).

CHARLTON SIGN ON LEFT WINGER

Charlton Athletic have signed as a professional W. Hattie, outside-left, of Dunston C.W.S. He is 18 years of age.

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London, To-day.

The following have been selected to represent Wales against England in the Rugby Union International series on January 18 at Swansea:—

V. G. J. Jenkins (London Welsh); Claude Davy (Swansea); W. Wooler (Cambridge); J. Rees (Swansea); McCall (Welsh Regiment); H. Tanner (Swansea); and Cliff Jones (Cambridge); T. Rees (Newport); Byrn Evans (Llanelli); T. Williams (Cross Keys); Thomas (Neath); G. Williams (Aberavon); J. Lang (Llanelli); A. M. Rees (London Welsh) and Long (Swansea).

Of the above team, Jenkins, Claude Davy, Cliff Jones, Tanner, T. Rees, A. M. Rees, T. Williams and J. Lang played against the New Zealanders on December 21 and were partly responsible for the visitors' first international Rugby defeat of the tour.

THE OLYMPIC GAMES

Elaborate Provisions For Spectators

Berlin, To-day.

The German officials of the Olympic Games committee are making every provision for the comfort of spectators, among which is the provision for each spectator of an oilpaper raincoat, large numbers of which have been ordered from Japan at a cost of 15c. each. The sheets containing the national anthems of the participating countries will also be printed on oil paper and will thus be legible even in the rainiest weather. — Reuters' Bulletin Service.

DURHAM PLAYS FINE GAME AS A FORWARD

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Durham's Fine Game

Durham, after he had injured his hand in goal, moved up to centre-forward and here played a remarkably good game. He passed well and was instrumental in Rivers obtaining his second goal. Rivers was another outstanding player on view, scoring three good goals.

The winners were the first to score, through Rivers, who shot through a group of players with Jeffries' unsighted, but Taylor equalised soon after.

12th Battery Disorganised

The 12th Battery dropped away in the second half and after Rivers had scored again, they collapsed.

Bloor and Bedford added the winners fourth and fifth goals and just before the end Rivers scored again.

FUSILIERS' BIG OBSTACLE TO EASTERN

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Eastern's defence depends to a very great extent on Sir Punshun, who, on present form, could easily secure a place in a senior team.

Omar Playing

It is uncertain whether Omar, who was transferred from the Radio, will be playing, but his absence should not weaken the defence to any great extent.

Among the forwards, Cheng Shui-hong and Sabhan will provide the most danger. The former has been training hard and with Sung Ling-sing giving him the desired passes, the Fusiliers' defence should be kept busy.

Sabhan, on the left-wing, has the necessary speed and can carry well, but is inclined to over-run the ball and be selfish at times.

ELIOT HALL "A'S" BADMINTON WIN OVER C.R.C.

G. Lum Impresses In Debut

ST. JOHN'S LOSE TO ST. ANDREW'S

The Eliot Hall "A" team recorded their second win in the Men's Doubles Badminton League when they defeated the Chinese Recreation Club by 6 sets to 3 at Causeway Bay last night.

The C.R.C. were leading by 2 sets to 1 after the completion of the first round, but were only able to secure an additional game in the course of the following two rounds.

The C.R.C. introduced a new player in G. Lum, who, with S. W. Liang, managed to outplay T. C. Lee and P. K. Chan, Eliot Hall's strongest combination.

The St. John's Club sustained another defeat when they lost to St. Andrew's Club "A" by 6 sets to 3.

Detailed results of the two games were as follows:—

St. Andrew's beat St. John's by 6 sets to 3

E. F. Fincher and H. Kew (St. Andrew's)—

beat Roland Koh and Norman Smith 21-4

beat F. H. Kwok and G. A. Smith 21-16

beat D. Kwok and G. Ladd 21-6

A. E. P. Guest and P. A. Broadbridge (St. Andrew's)—

lost to Koh and Smith 12-23

lost to Kwok and Smith 19-21

beat Kwok and Ladd 21-14

R. H. Wong and F. Y. Wong (St. Andrew's)—

beat Koh and Smith 21-14

lost to Kwok and Smith 9-21

beat Kwok and Ladd 23-20

C.R.C. Lose At Home

At Causeway Bay last night, the Eliot Hall "A" team beat the Chinese Recreation Club by 6 sets to 3:—

S. P. Chan and H. T. Woo (C.R.C.):

lost to T. C. Lee and P. K. Chan 5-21

lost to C. O. Lee and C. S. Heng 12-21

lost to K. Y. Lee and K. S. Lien 22-24

G. Lum and S. W. Liang (C.R.C.):

beat Lee and Chan 24-23

beat Lee and Heng 21-12

lost to Lee and Lien 7-21

W. C. Choy and H. W. Ho (C.R.C.):

lost to Lee and Chan 5-21

lost to Lee and Heng 14-21

beat Lee and Lien 21-12

MIXED DOUBLES TENNIS TITLE

To-morrow's Semi-Final Round Clashes

The two Semi-final round encounters in the Colony Open Mixed Doubles Tennis Championship will be held at the Chinese Recreation Club to-morrow afternoon.

L. Goldman and Miss R. Hancock (U.S.R.C.) the holders, will meet Capt. J. D. Milne and Miss M. Saville (U.S.R.C.), and H. D. Runjahn and Mrs. Chin Chun-chin, last year's runners-up, will encounter W. C. Heng and Mrs. P. Wilson (C.R.C.), both games commencing at 3.15 p.m.

FRIENDLY CRICKET

East Lancs Beat The D.B.S.

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The following will represent the Hong Kong Hockey Club second eleven against the Police on the Club ground at 5 p.m. to-day:

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R.A.M.C. CRICKET TEAM FOR SUNDAY

The following have been selected to represent No. 27 Company, R.A.M.C., in a Small Units League cricket fixture to be played at Sookmipoo on Sunday, commencing at 2 p.m.:

Sgt. Castell (Capt.), Cpl. Howell, Cpl. Carr, Cpl. Ayles, L/C. Sook, Pte. Saunders, Pte. Foster, Pte. Westwood, Pte. Thompson and Pte. Gleadowing.

Twelfth man—Pte. Harris.

HEARTS TO MAKE TOUR OF SOUTH AFRICA

The president of the Southern Rhodesia Football Association has stated that the "Scottish" football club, Heart of Midlothian, would make a tour of South Africa and Rhodesia next season.



Isidoro Garmaga, idol of the Cuban fight fans, is shown punching the bag at his outdoor training camp as he trained for his unsuccessful fight against Joe Louis in Havana.

"PETER O'DOWD IS NO LONGER AN IDOL"

Blamed For Valenciennes First Defeat

Paris, December 11.

Pity Peter O'Dowd! The former Chelsea player, who joined Valenciennes a few months ago, is no longer the idol of the French club's supporters owing to the club's 5-1 defeat at home by Lille.

It was their first defeat at home or away, since O'Dowd joined them. But on O'Dowd's shoulders is put the burden of blame. "He was so seldom in the limelight that his inactivity was the outstanding part of the game" is one typical Press comment.

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R.A.M.C. CRICKET TEAM FOR SUNDAY

The following have been selected to represent No. 27 Company, R.A.M.C., in a Small Units League cricket fixture to be played at Sookmipoo on Sunday, commencing at 2 p.m.:

Sgt. Castell (Capt.), Cpl. Howell, Cpl. Carr, Cpl. Ayles, L/C. Sook, Pte. Saunders, Pte. Foster, Pte. Westwood, Pte. Thompson and Pte. Gleadowing.

Twelfth man—Pte. Harris.

HEARTS TO MAKE TOUR OF SOUTH AFRICA

The president of the Southern Rhodesia Football Association has stated that the "Scottish" football club, Heart of Midlothian, would make a tour of South Africa and Rhodesia next season.

REGATTA PLANNED FOR APRIL

AN INTERCOLLEGIATE AFFAIR

WORCESTER LAKE AS VENUE

London, December 3.

An intercollegiate Henley regatta to be named in honour of the late Dr. Allan Winter Rowe has been planned. This was announced last night by the Athletic Association of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Yale and Syracuse Universities have accepted invitations to race with Massachusetts Technology on Lake Quinsigamond at Worcester, Mass., on April 25, 1936.

The new rowing event is open to all college members of the American Rowing Association, and a trophy to be known as the Rowe Memorial Cup has been presented to the M.I.T. Advisory Council on Athletics by Charles Hayden, prominent New Yorker and Technology alumnus, to be placed in perpetual competition.

As a member of the Technology Corporation and as secretary of the Alumni Advisory Council on Athletics, Dr. Rowe encouraged sports at Technology for years and gave much thought to the development of rowing. He believed that Lake Quinsigamond, sheltered from high winds by surrounding hills and narrow enough to give spectators unusual opportunities for watching races, was an ideal course, Yale and M. I. T. having raced there the past two years.

It had long been Dr. Rowe's hope that an intercollegiate regatta would be established on the lake, and he was active in planning such an event up to the time of his passing.

Tech Prepares Rules

Members of the M. I. T. Athletic Association and the Alumni Advisory Council on Athletics took up the plans and, following consultations with Malcolm Farmer, director of athletics at Yale, presented them at the meeting of the American Rowing Association in New York on October 17. M.I.T. was authorised at that time to prepare rules for the new regatta and submit them to collegiate members of the association.

The first regatta in April will bring eight crews to Lake Quinsigamond. M.I.T. and Yale will send their varsity, junior varsity and 150-pound crews, while Syracuse has entered its varsity and junior varsity boats.

Three Crews Needed

The formal terms of agreement provide that the regatta be held on Lake Quinsigamond or any other course chosen by the M.I.T. Advisory Council on Athletics, and that the date be set at the autumn meeting of the American Rowing Association. It is also required that there be a minimum of three competing colleges to warrant award of the cup. At least two of the colleges must be represented by varsity, junior varsity and 150-pound crews, while the third must enter any two of these crews.

Point System

The point system for the regatta gives the varsity crews 10 points for first place, six for second, and three for third place, fourth not counting. Junior varsity crews will be given eight points for first place, five for second, and two for third. The 150-pounders will get six points for first, four for second, and one for third.

The college winning the greatest number of points will be the winner of the regatta and will hold the Rowe Memorial Cup for one year.

In the event of a tie, if one of the competitors has won first place in the varsity race, that college shall be declared the winner. Should this provision fail to break the tie, then a competitor who has won first place in the junior varsity event will be the winner.

Former Athletic Hall

Woo, better known as Ng Tak-wing, formerly of the Athletic, is a sound right-half, while Sinclair, of the Signals (who have not a team in the League) is an attacking type of half-back.

The Saints may feel the pinch on the right-wing, where Victor is still feeling the effects of last week's game against the Ulsters. But, with Ward supporting him on the inside, some of the Saints' most dangerous movements should originate from this wing.

Leonard, who has been selected for one of the centre-forward berths in the Interport trial, will be leading the Saints.

SENIOR SHIELD FINALIST BIG TASK TO-MORROW

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HOLE IN ONE AT FANLING

Mrs. Hillier's Feat

Playing over the New Course at Fanling on Thursday last, Mrs. W. S. Hillier sank her tee shot at the eighth hole in one—a distance of 170 yards.

As far as is known, this hole has only been done in one on one previous occasion, by Mrs. A. B. Stewart, about five years ago, when the New Course was just newly opened.

GOLF STARTING TIMES

Pairings For Fanling Next Sunday

The following are the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanling next Sunday:

OLD COURSE

9.24 a.m. C. C. Black, M. H. Turner
 9.28 " A. H. McBride, N. K. Littlejohn
 9.32 " E. S. Dyer, W. Patterson
 9.36 " A. Anderson, A. O. Bawp
 9.40 " E. E. Valentine, D. Forbes
 9.44 " A. Ritchie, A. R. Purves
 9.48 " H. S. Hills, P. Tod
 9.52 " C. W. Jeffries, G. V. T. Marshall
 9.56 " E. des Voetz, Col. Matthews
 10.00 " A. T. Lay, A. K. MacKenzie
 10.04 " J. A. E. Selby, E. M. Bryden
 10.08 " W. N. Buyers, R. A. Rodgers
 10.12 " D. J. Probert, J. Forbes
 10.16 " A. Sommerfeld, W. J. S. Key
 10.20 " P. Morrison, R. E. Colledge
 10.24 " W. E. Hunt, H. L. Smith
 10.28 " G. Marselle, I. H. Geare
 10.32 " D. J. Keogh, O'Neal Gordon
 10.36 " R. Young, C. C. Stark
 10.40 " W. J. Roberts, H. H. Pethick
 10.44 " J. M. Gray, W. J. E. Mackenzie
 10.48 " H. N. Williamson, T. J. Price
 10.52 " T. B. Rowell, A. B. Reynolds
 10.56 " G. H. Bond, W. W. C. Shearer
 11.00 " A. C. J. Bowker, J. A. D. Morrison
 11.04 " P. H. Seckling, W. A. Connell
 11.08 " K. W. Jones, C. C. Wilson
 11.12 " Major, Shannon, D. S. Mackay
 11.16 " S. P. Langley, H. Hutcheon
 11.20 " T. C. Monaghan, F. M. Ellis
 11.24 " B. E. Davies, F. G. Modie
 11.28 " Surg. Lt. Maris, Pay. Lt. Moran

NEW COURSE

9.28 a.m. T. S. Morrison, W. Shaw
 9.32 " J. G. Cotesworth, I. C. Mackay
 9.36 " T. R. Billingham, E. C. Hopkins
 9.40 " H. U. Ireland, D. J. Gilmore
 9.44 " T. B. Chassels, R. H. MacGregor
 9.48 " W. A. Butterfield, J. A. Shaw
 9.52 " F. Lindsay, A. M. Kirby
 9.56 " J. A. Cooper, T. J. Draper
 10.00 " E. R. Gammell, J. R. Sandling
 10.04 " W. Wooding, W. L. Marshall
 10.08 " N. L. Smith, Wing. Cdr. Bishop

REINHARDT, GREATEST PRODUCTION GENIUS OF TODAY, BRINGS TO THE SCREEN ONE OF THE MIGHTIEST CLASSICS OF THE PAST... SHAKESPEARE'S

"A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM"

Warner Bros. Million-Dollar Production — Music by Mendelssohn — With 15 Major Stars and One Thousand Other Players



Mervyn Douglas, Claudette Colbert and Michael Bartlett are in the Columbia picture "She Married Her Boss," which is coming to the King's and Alhambra Theatres soon.

SHORT SHOTS

MRS. Gertrude Temple, the very wonderful mother of the most popular little girl in the world today, "Miracle Child" Shirley Temple, writes me once more of her delight that her "Precious" is so loved in Hong Kong. Shirley also wrote in her baby hand her "Best wishes to Diane and Hong Kong fans."

She has recently finished production on "The Littlest Rebel" with John Boles, and now is hard at work on "Captain January." Mrs. Temple deserves the highest praise for her careful upbringing of this lovely little girl, who is still unspoiled and remains as natural and sweet as if she were just a simple little American girl leading a quiet healthy normal life, instead of being the idol of the world.

Clever child actresses may come and go, but there is only one Shirley Temple, and such a child-genius will not come again in this generation.

Ramon Novarro was a very ill-advised young man to stage in London "Royal Exchange," which had already been seen by most people with Carl Brisson on the screen, titled "All the King's Horses." There was quite a demonstration at the first night at His Majesty's Theatre. Not at the play, but because Novarro's voice could barely be heard beyond a few rows in the stalls. Doris Kenyon cared no better than Novarro. He should have kept to the screen or a short sketch in vaudeville, where he met with such success in London on a former visit.

Again Norma Shearer talks of "Romeo and Juliet" this time with Leslie Howard as "Romeo" and John Barrymore as "Mercutio."

So that Cinema "fans" will not only think Eleanor Powell a dancer, she is to do quite a few songs in her next for M.G.M., "Hats in the Air." Robert Taylor is again her leading man.

John Boles has signed a long-term contract again with Fox-Famous. Century, but others are not faring so well. It seems as though Henry Wilcoxon's contract with Paramount will not be renewed. They hardly gave this worthy actor a chance, only giving him parts in Cecil B. de Mille's "The Sign of the Cross." (Continued on Page 3.)

"MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM" GIVES RAVISHING SPECTACLE

ELIZABETH BERGNER WONDERFUL IN "ESCAPE ME NEVER"

GARBO TOUCHES NEW HEIGHTS OF ARTISTRY IN "ANNA KARENINA"

SHIRLEY TEMPLE SENDS SEASON'S GREETINGS TO H.K. ADMIRERS

By Diane

WARNER Brothers have done almost as great a thing in producing Max Reinhardt's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" as they did when they revolutionised the movies by the introduction of sound. Here is entertainment that should appeal to all, as it contains almost everything. A ravishing spectacle, human comedy, marvellous technical achievement, super work by one of the foremost men in his line today, Max Reinhardt, expert direction by William Dieterle, and flawless camera work by Hal Mohr, ace cameraman, assisted by a small army of experts.

The story, of course, reveals the plight of the four earthly lovers when they wander into a wood and fall under the spell of "Puck" (Mickey Rooney) who is obeying the will of "Oberon" (Victor Jory) to show "Titania" (Anita Louise), what fools love can create. Shakespeare has been followed respectfully (a few of the voices will probably jar upon too-sensitive ears), while Mendelssohn's divine music adds to the undoubted charm.

It is difficult to realise James Cagney (who deserves special honours) Victor Jory, Dick Powell, Hugh Herbert, Hobart Cavanaugh, Frank McHugh, Ross Alexander, Mickey Rooney, Grant Mitchell, Joe E. Brown in Shakespeare. Ian Hunter seems more at home, and the lovely ladies of the cast are well suited to their respective roles. Verne Treadwell, Jean Muir, Olivia de Havilland (the pretty girl born in Tokyo), and Anita Louise are worthy of special praise.

Admittedly a few of the players seem overawed by the magnificence of the production and show a lack of understanding of the lines, which they deliver rather like school-children. You may also have one other criticism — the film runs too long, almost three hours — but on thinking it over you would find it difficult to know just where to cut.

Warner Brothers are to be highly commended for their courage in bringing Shakespeare to the screen, and this great production should mark a milestone in the advancement of the film. Most of the performances are notable, and some of them surprising. You cannot fail to be impressed with the incredibly lovely settings, graceful troupes of dancers and

fine all-round cast. Not by any chance to be missed. Showing twice daily — 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. — at the popular Queen's.

"Anna Karenina"

Here is a picture that once again gives us a truly great Garbo. Many of us recall her memorable performance with John Gilbert in the movie "Love," and now her lovely speaking voice brings a greater charm. In every way the sound improves upon the old picture and once again M.G.M. have concentrated meticulously upon the costumes and settings of St. Petersburg society in the '70's.

Tolstoy's story is rather reminiscent of "East Lynne" — the yielding, tempting wife, the irresistible love of "Anna" and "Vronsky" (Fredric March) the boldly-drawn quarrel scene, the parting with the son (Freddie Bartholomew) whom she adores, the final break-away and the tragic ending. Garbo is supreme, and it is worthy of mention that this great performance won her the coveted "Mussolini Medal" for the best work from an actress in the year. I doubt if the Swedish star has ever given a finer performance, or one that is more likely to take its place in treasured screen memories.

Fredric March, as the lover, brings his unusual fascination to bear on the role. Basil Rathbone is the tyrannical husband to the life. Freddie Bartholomew in a small part as the son, Gyles Isham and Maureen O'Sullivan in their love affair, Reginald Owen and wife in their complex affairs are all secondary in the strong essential melodrama of Anna's tragic career.

Considered as an intelligent reproduction of Tolstoy's celebrated novel this picture will take rank with the best screen productions of the talkie era — and Director Clarence Brown — who has so often guided Garbo — brings out the very best in her amazingly life-like characterisation. She has never looked more lovely and if you think she is in danger of "slipping" in popular appeal, go and see this and you will know that she will remain the outstanding Hollywood Star just as long as she wants to honour the screen with her presence. (Alhambra and King's).

Majestic

"The Notorious Gentleman," starring Charles Bickford and Helen Vinson, with such sterling players as Sydney Blackmer, Onslow Stevens, John Darrow, Dudley Digges and others in support, is strong melodrama.

The story tells of a famous criminal lawyer (Bickford) who plans and carries out a murder with such attention to the detail of covering up his tracks, that the crime is impossible of solution. The atmosphere of the South pervades the picture and adds charm. The highlight is the intensity of the Court-room scene and full justice is done to their respective roles by the competent players.

Advised. Followed by "Alias Mary Dow," an interesting picture alone for the performance given by Sally Eilers. Sally is at her best as the tough girl suddenly dropped in the midst of riches when she impersonates a kidnapped daughter. Raymond Milland is the handsome hero — a leading man who is destined for bigger and better parts. Katherine Alexander, Henry O'Neill, Chick Chandler and Lola Lane give good accounts of themselves. Worth seeing.

Wistful Janet Gaynor and Henry Fonda in "The Farmer Takes a Wife" come next. Miss Gaynor and her new leading man give excellent portrayals in this highly interesting story of life in days of traffic by horse on the Erie Canal. Exciting, human and splendidly acted by a large cast. Recommended. (Majestic).

If you think over the geniuses of the stage and screen that you have seen, you will try in vain to find anyone to compare with Elizabeth Bergner. I cannot "Escape Me Never" by Margaret Kennedy (who gave us "The Constant Nymph") is lighted by the magic of Miss Bergner's divine acting — for her art is only a gift from Heaven.

What matters about the cast — with the exception of "Hugh Sinclair," who played with Miss Bergner in her stage triumph of the play? We are concerned only with the fascinations of "Gemma Jones," a waiflike nondescript, and her poignant knowledge of life and people. There are certain scenes I will never forget; and she plays the waifish, comedy bits in the early part of the picture and later, the heartbreaking tragedies with equal brilliance. You have never seen a finer performance on the screen than this.

I will not spoil your enjoyment by telling the story, except that we continue with two of those impossible Sanger boys of Miss Kennedy's former famous story. Hugh Sinclair is always convincing, as "Sebastian Sanger," but somehow I yearned for Brian Aherne in the part (he was so excellent in "The Constant Nymph"). Griffith Jones is perfectly cast as "Caryl," and I have great hopes for Miss Penelope Dudley-Ward (daughter of the very famous Mrs. Dudley-Ward of the King Edward era). I have only one fault to find with her; she is a little too fashionably thin.

This was a great stage play, but with the added beauty of natural backgrounds of Venice and the Tyrol the picture is given a glamour and charm that must have been missing in the play.

Elizabeth Bergner is a riddle. It is impossible to guess her age, yet as far back as 1910 she was a success on the stage on the Continent. Her birthplace, too, is a mystery. Some say Vienna, others say Poland. She is married to Dr. Paul Cramer, who helps and directs her in everything she undertakes. Bergner has played every kind of role, from Shakespeare to modern comedy, and her now-perfect technique is not an accident, but the result of many years of superb training. The "trailer" compared her with Bernhardt and Duse, and she is the one actress to-day who can compare with them.

Go and see this film; such don't come too often. Dr. Paul Cramer's direction is on a par with the camera work and both are flawless. You will glimpse, in a small role, the famous Irene Vanbrugh, and a rather "stagy-looking" Leon Quartermaine. As I said before, no one in the cast matters. Miss Bergner captivates, charms and delights. It is a triumph for her, and her acting lights up the rather sordid story and gives her the best acting chances possible. Not to be missed. (King's).

"Love in Bloom"

Crooning and comedy in equal proportions, with Dixie Lee (Mrs. Bing Crosby) and Joe Morrison as the leading players. Burns and Allen (George and Gracie) supply their well-known and popular style. (Continued on Page 3.)



Olivia De Havilland is among the many stars in the Warner Bros. production "A Midsummer Night's Dream," which will be shown at the Queen's Theatre to-night, commencing at 9 p.m.



James Cagney is one of the principal players in Warner Bros. "A Midsummer Night's Dream," which will be shown at the Queen's Theatre to-night.



Anita Louise is one of the leading stars in Warner Bros. "A Midsummer Night's Dream," which will be shown at the Queen's Theatre to-night at 9 p.m.



Joe E. Brown is one of the many stars appearing in Warner Bros. "A Midsummer Night's Dream," the gala premiere of which will be held at the Queen's Theatre to-night.



Dick Powell is included in the distinguished list of players in Warner Bros. "A Midsummer Night's Dream," the gala premiere of which will be held at the Queen's Theatre to-night, commencing at 9 p.m.

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GALA PREMIERE
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AT 9 P.M.
AT THE
QUEEN'S

To-day's Short Story

Sandow, The Dream Tree

By Gouverneur Morris

THE money was gone and there was nothing that Johnnie Brinkley could do about it.

The trust officer expressed sorrow and was almost apologetic. The committee on investments had guessed wrong. Even committees are human and liable to err. He was not the only sufferer. The blame must not be put on the trust company, but on world conditions which had caused the unparalleled depression.

Johnnie Brinkley was strongly tempted to punch the trust officer's smug face, but resisted. The fine for doing so would be at least twenty-five dollars and with the exception of some small change that was all the money he had left in the world.

He strolled out of the great trust company building into the bright sunlight of Hill St., walked briskly to the Athletic Club, wrote his resignation to the board of governors, left it in care of the clerk, and once more went out into the sunlight.

He was trying to think very fast. But thinking fast takes a lot of practice. And he had given most of his young life to the development of a fine, healthy body and skill in games and had pretty much allowed his mental processes to take care of themselves.

He had supposed until that very morning that he would always have at least a thousand dollars a month to live on. And the problem of a young gentleman who has nothing to live on now presented itself to him for the first time. He supposed that ordinarily you got a job and went to work, but he had read the newspapers sufficiently to know that there were ten or twelve million men out of work and that jobs were scarcer than hen's teeth.

Johnnie Brinkley wondered how long it would be before his matty and practically new suit began to shine at the knees and elbows and his shoes to wear out. But he recalled with satisfaction that in his rooms he had many other suits and pairs of shoes and shirts and things. Perhaps he could raise some money on some of them. And this reminded him that he must have a talk with his landlady and explain what had happened.

He walked back to the Athletic Club, unpacked his car, and drove home. Home was an attractive sitting room, bedroom, and bath in an old fashioned house on Franklin St. He had occupied these rooms since the death of his parents and he was fond of his landlady because she was what he called a "square shooter."

Mrs. Radcliff heard him out and she remarked that many other young men were in the same boat and she didn't know what the world was coming to anyhow. She told him not to worry about the rent until he felt able to pay it. And she offered to store whatever possessions he did not wish to take with him, free of charge. And she wanted to know, if it wasn't indiscreet, what he proposed to do for a living.

Over his writing table, at which he had never written anything but checks, hung a water colour painting, not too bad, of a rustic cabin sitting among digger pines on the bank of a stream. This painting caught his eye and gave him an inspiration. To hear him talk Mrs. Radcliff might have thought that he had reached a decision only after careful and methodical thought. He pointed to the picture.

"That's in the mother lode country," he said, "not far from Jim Town. This year's taxes have been paid and I have kept the cabin in order out of sentiment. It's where father got his start. He found a pocket worth five or six thousand dollars, bought stock in the Bright Angel mine and made quite a killing. I am not hoping for any luck like that, but once a man's got the knack of panning gold he can make \$3 to \$5 a day. It won't cost me \$1 a day to live, from poisoning. Miss Gregor, who it's grand country, and when I was a kid father showed me how to work a pan. I'll be independent. There won't be any boss and I am so 'fixed' about it that I am almost glad I'm broke."

His wardrobe yielded some tough Scotch tweeds, hunting boots of good leather well broken in, flannel shirt, and, of course, sweaters and mufflers. He made a selection complete a large amount of work and told Mrs. Radcliff to raise

what she could on the remainder. She might, they agreed, squeeze out for herself a good part of the unpaid rent. The old lady had been so kind about everything that he had the impulse to kiss her good-by, but he was a very shy young man even where old ladies were concerned and the impulse ended in a handshake and a kiss blown from the fingers when he was sitting in his car and ready to drive off.

Gold fever is the most quickly caught of all the great family fevers. And when Johnnie Brinkley came in sight of Table Mountain and began to see traces of ancient diggings and workings he came down with it.

In Jim Town he bought the regulation heavy iron pan and the pick and shovel of the prospector. He bought also some tins of beef, pork and beans, biscuits, and sweet stuff.

What with these purchases and the oil and gasoline burned on the long drive from Los Angeles he had now no more than two dollars to his name. But he was excited and elated. He had never felt happier. Almost he could have blessed the depression.

TO-MORROW'S STORY

To-morrow's story will be "Wild Things," by Gordon Raby.

It was dusk when he reached the cabin and drove his car into the shelter of the old lean-to shed at the back. The Mariposa lilies were in bloom and resembled swarms of brightly coloured butterflies. The air was sweet, thin and fresh. It smelt of rosin and pine needles.

There was plenty of water in the brook, too much, perhaps. The rains, however, were over and presently, perhaps there might not be enough. But Johnnie remembered that somewhere or other a black pipe came out of a hillside and the year round dripped water into a square, concrete tank where his father had been accustomed to pan dirt when the brook failed.

The nearest neighbours, he remembered, had lived a mile or more down the road and on the other side of the brook. His father had sent him once with a message. There had been a man and his wife and a very little girl who walked drunkenly and, hiding behind her mother's skirts, took an occasional peep at him. He could not remember the message or the man's name. It might be amusing to look him up. It might not.

The cabin door was not locked. In the mother lode country there has never been any need of locked doors. In the old days those who had no respect for private property were promptly shot or hanged and left behind them an aftermath of (Continued on Page 11)

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

Four cases of diphtheria, three of scarlet fever, two of enteric fever and one of cerebro-spinal fever were reported to the local health authorities during the 24 hours ended on Wednesday.

The consumption of water in the City and Hill district during December was 295.08 million gallons, including 44.42 million gallons supplied from the mainland, the figure for Kowloon and New Kowloon during the same period being 189.30 million gallons.

Miss Gregor, a resident at the Peninsula Hotel for the past four days, was admitted to Kowloon Hospital on Wednesday suffering from poisoning. Miss Gregor, who is stated to be Australian and about 26 years of age, is making a satisfactory recovery.

Accompanied by Mrs. Shellshorn, Professor Shellshorn sails by the s.s. Moerkork to-day for Australia, where he will continue his research, studying the Australian aborigines. He will also complete a large amount of work and told Mrs. Radcliff to raise

PRIZEGIVING CEREMONY

Govt. Vernacular Middle School

ATTENDANCE FIGURES WELL MAINTAINED

The annual prizegiving ceremony of the Government Vernacular Middle School, Pokfulam Road, was held this morning before a large gathering of pupils, their parents and friends. Among those present were Mr. G. R. Sayer, the Director of Education, who distributed the prizes, Mr. Y. P. Law and Mr. S. W. Liang (Inspectors of Vernacular Schools), the Hon. Mr. T. N. Chan, Professor Hsu Tsian, Mr. Chan Kwan-po, Mr. Fung-Ping-fun, Mr. Chan Ping-woon and Mr. To Kei-cheung.

In presenting his report the Headmaster said: "I wish to thank the Director of Education most cordially for his coming here to distribute the prizes this morning."

"Our maximum enrolment of the year under review was 248, as against 252 in 1934. In view of the worldwide depression which has adversely affected the number of pupils generally, our number may be considered regular and steady. The average daily attendance was 96.44 per cent, showing a further improvement on that of 1934, which was 92.22 per cent. In this respect I congratulate my staff and boys for their unfaltering work and good health. On the other hand regular attendance could only be attained by the co-operation of our boys' guardians. We should thank them for having rendered us the assistance by freeing their boys from the distraction of trivial family affairs."

Final Examination

"With the change of the school year the final examination of our Normal Division was held in July. Of the 10 boys who sat for this examination five passed and gained their teacher's certificates. I am happy to say that among our past Normal students some are doing private research work of their own, each attempting to write a book on his favourite branch of study in spite of their strenuous teaching work at private vernacular schools. We are always glad to see them coming back to their Alma Mater for consultations with their old teachers. Private study with a fixed aim is always the sure way leading to the attainment of scholarships, though various degrees of success depend upon the efforts and application of individual cases."

In the School Certificate Examination all the six boys in our Class Higher Middle III entered, and three passed, gaining in all five distinctions. Chan Yik-on is to be congratulated on obtaining honours and three distinctions, including one in Higher Chinese, especially because this distinction was awarded for the first time by Hong Kong University. A word of thanks is due to King's College. Being short of English staff, our top class boys had to share for a year the benefit of the English classes at King's.

Sporting Sphere

"In the sphere of sports we continued to encourage inter-class competitions in order that regular exercises might be maintained. But owing to our lamentable lack of space the scope of our daily sports had to be narrowed down. However, we did not neglect football training whenever our boys had the chance of playing on public grounds."

"In the Inter-school League Match our Junior Volley Ball Team turned out runners-up, and at the Inter-school Athletic Meets one of our boys came third in the 1,500 metre distance swimming, Mr. Wong Kwok-fong, after ten years' services as sports master, relinquished these extra duties in July, which have been taken up by Mr. Lau Chui this term. A word of appreciation is due to Mr. Wong for his outstanding success, especially in his training of our volleyball teams, which have turned out champions for a year and runners-up for six years."

Tribute To Mr. Brown

"I should like to take this opportunity of expressing our best wishes to Mr. A. O. Brown, who is soon leaving for England with Mrs. Brown for well-earned retirement from the Education Department. We wish them both

BUT NO CASUALTIES REPORTED

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"This perpetual perpetration of falsehoods does no honour to the British agency, and cannot contribute to an improvement of the atmosphere among the nations."—Trans-Ocean Service.

Fighting On Both Fronts

ABYSSINIANS BEGIN THEIR OFFENSIVE

Addis Ababa, earlier: Fighting on a large scale is again beginning on the southern as well as the northern front, according to rumours.

OIL AND WAR

Sanctions Outlook For Italy

ELEMENTS OF RISK

(By ARTHUR DAVIES) It is quite clear that the proposed embargo on petrol and other raw materials is causing grave anxiety in Italy. The Italian people have been annoyed by the economic and financial sanctions already imposed by the members of the League of Nations. These sanctions are causing a great deal of inconvenience and loss, but the measures devised to meet them seem to be fairly adequate to tide over the difficulties of the immediate situation. They cannot, it is generally believed in Italy at least, be effective to prevent the war against Abyssinia continuing for several months at least, i.e. until Italy's full objective—the conquest of that country—has been achieved. Then, it is calculated, the League of Nations will have to accept an accomplished fact, just as it did in the case of Japan's conquest of Manchuria and Jehol.

This sort of optimistic outlook has enabled the ordinary Italian citizen to suffer present hardships in contemplation of ultimate triumph.

More Serious Matter. The stopping of those supplies which are necessary to the prosecution of war is, however, a far more serious—indeed, a fatal—injury to the Italian cause. Without petrol, for instance, her modern mechanised army must come to an abrupt halt.

This, however, is precisely the reason why the League Members should not hesitate to (Continued on Page 8)

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Latest Quotations

The following quotations were received last night between 11 p.m. and 12.30 p.m.
Last Close 10.30 11.00

N.Y. Cotton
May 10.82 10.73 10.73
N.Y. Rubber
March 14.06 14.08 14.09
Chicago Wheat
May 102½ 101½
Chicago Corn
May 61¼ 61¼

STOCKS:
Anaconda 29½ 29½ 29
Copper 29½ 29½ 29
Elec. Bond & Share 18½ 17½ 17½
General Motors 55½ 55½ 56
Montgomery Ward 36½ 36½ 37
N.Y. Central 49½ 49½ 49½
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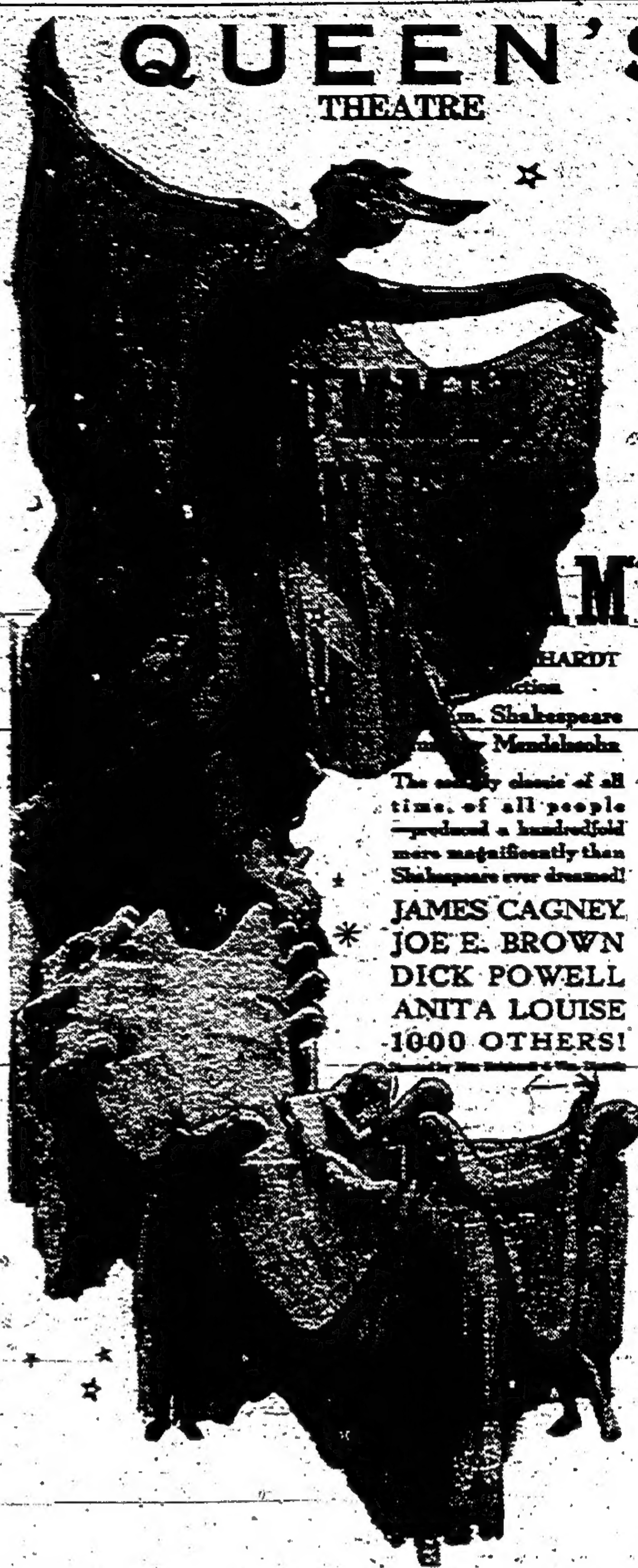
The following quotations from London were received last night between 5.30 p.m. and 10.30 p.m.
Silver Spot 20-13/16 (last close), 20½ (last recd.), 5/16 down (change).
Silver Forward unquoted.
Silver Report: India bought and sold. Speculators sold. There was not much support. Market quiet.

Liverpool Cotton—May 5.00 (last close), 5.00 (last recd.), 10 down (change).
Liverpool Wheat—March 6/5½ (last close), 6/5½ (last recd.), ¼ down (change).
London Rubber—April-June (buyers) 6-12/18 (last close), 6-12/18 (last recd.), unchanged.

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May 10.82 10.71
July 10.60 10.25
October 10.12 9.83
December (1936) 10.10 9.76
Spot 11.90 11.85

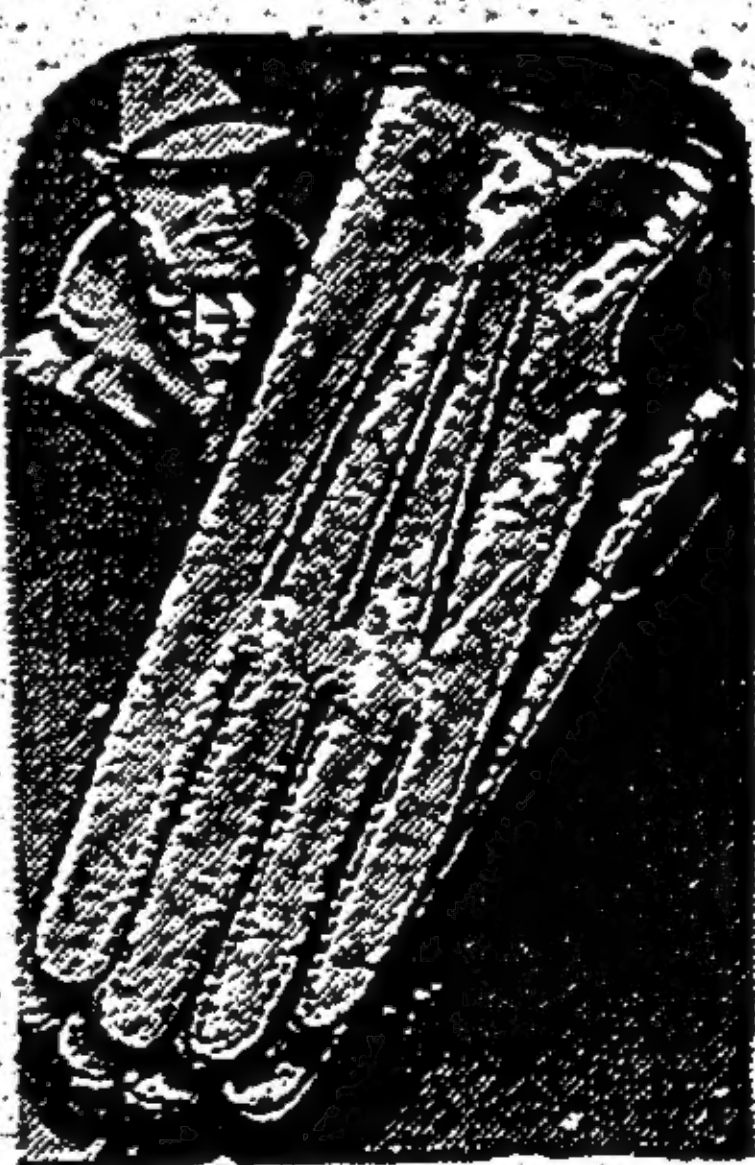
New York Rubber:
March 14.06 12.98a
May 14.21 14.13a
July 14.36a 14.28
September 14.50 14.42b
December 14.75a 14.64

Chicago Wheat:
May 102½ 101½
July 89½ 88½
September 87½ 87½

Chicago Corn:
May 61¼ 60½
July 62 61¼
September 62 61¼

Winnipeg Wheat:
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July 89 88½
October 87

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May 1.37½ 1.34½
July 1.37 1.34



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CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT

Trio At Helena May
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ENJOYABLE PROGRAMME

Only a mere handful of people attended the concert of chamber music presented at the Helena May Institute last evening by Mrs. H. Arnold, Mrs. H. Evelle, Mr. H. Evelle and Mr. A. J. Leask, but those who were present certainly got their money's worth in the fare provided, which was of a high standard throughout. Here is a band of amateurs who obviously play chamber music together because they enjoy doing so, and when they take the trouble to work up a programme for the entertainment of a larger public than can be accommodated in their drawing-rooms, it must be somewhat discouraging to find only a meagre response to their efforts.

However, they did not allow any such considerations as these to influence their playing last evening. They gave full measure of enjoyment to those present by a charming programme of representative music well rendered.

Mr. H. Evelle (Violin) particularly shone. Not only did he play Handel's F Major Sonata to Mrs. Evelle's most sympathetic accompaniment with a fine sweep and understanding which brought out all the broad sonority of his material, especially in the Largo movement, but he also led the trio with sympathetic firmness. The Haydn A Major spiced and shone, while the Beethoven B Flat Major was given every atom of its due deference of treatment. That is to say, the texture was not tampered with—on the contrary, its highlights and shadows were most effectively contrasted, and the whole architecture of the work made coherent and objective.

The only possible fault that could be found with the rendering was that sometimes the balance was slightly at fault. Mrs. Arnold on the Cello did not always come through the other two instruments as she should have done; but this, we fancy, was due more to nervousness than to any other cause. And she had two first-class exponents to contend with in the other two parts. Mr. Leask's performance of the piano part thoroughly deserves its meed of praise for his clean technical efficiency, no less than his sympathetic handling of a by no means negligible share of the work.

Mrs. Arnold was happier in her solo rendering of Loeliet's G Minor Sonata at the beginning of the programme, which after a somewhat hesitant start, went on from strength to strength. This is an attractive work, new to the present writer.

Mrs. Evelle took part in the first trio at the piano most efficiently, and afterwards only played the one accompaniment (to her husband's Handel Sonata), but she played it very well.

We hope that this band of amateurs will give us many more evenings of music of the same quality and calibre.

The following was the programme:

Sonata in G..... J. B. Loeliet

Minor..... J. B. Loeliet
Largo
Allegro
Poco Allegro
Adagio
Allegro

Trio in A..... Haydn

Major..... Haydn
Allegro Moderato
Andante
Allegro

Sonata in F..... Handel

Major..... Handel
Adagio
Allegro
Largo
Allegro

Trio in B Flat..... Beethoven

Major..... Beethoven
Allegro con brio
Adagio
Allegretto



SUNDAY AT THE STAR



Two informal character studies of Senator Manuel Queson, recently inaugurated as the first President of the Philippine Commonwealth. He is known as the "George Washington of the Philippines", having long led the fight for independence.

ROTARY CLUB MAGAZINE

Editor Of "Roda"
In Colony

MR. RICHARD SIDNEY

Mr. Richard Sidney, the Editor of Roda, the magazine of the Rotary Clubs of Malaya and Siam, is on a short visit to the Colony. He will address the Rotary Club at its next meeting on Tuesday.

In the two and a half years during which Mr. Sidney has held the editorship of the paper it has developed from a "parish magazine" to a widely-read and much appreciated journal with a wide following, both in Malaya and Siam and outside them.

The issue for December has just been printed. In addition to Rotary Club news, the magazine has a large section devoted to original reviews of books. Mr. Roland Braddell, the well known Singapore lawyer, contributes an excellent article on "The Artistic Value of the Commonplace"; the Editor discusses "Somerset Maugham as a Literary Craftsman" in connection with his recently-issued "Don Fernando"; and Chan Choo Tong contributes an amusing and informative article on "Mickey Mouse." The illustrations include a fine full-page portrait of His Excellency Sir Andrew Caldecott, newly-appointed Governor of this Colony.

"South China" Number

Mr. Sidney is producing a special "South China" number of Roda in February, which will deal particularly with Hong Kong, with sections devoted to Canton and possibly Macao. One of the purposes of his present trip is to gather material for this special number.

Mr. Sidney is staying at the Peninsula Hotel, and will be glad to receive enquiries from prospective advertisers and buyers.

CHINA FLEET CLUB TRAGEDY

Inquiry Into Death
Of Fusilier

VERDICT OF HOMICIDE BY
MISADVENTURE

A verdict of "homicide by misadventure" was returned at the inquiry at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon into the death of Fusilier Oliver Roberts of the Royal Welch Fusiliers, which occurred as the result of a fracas at the China Fleet Club on Christmas Day.

Evidence showed that the deceased was drunk on the night of December 24, and was struck by Stoker Thomas Dixon, of H.M.S. Tarantula, and that he had received a fatal injury to the back of his head as he fell.

Mr. Schofield sat as Coroner and the Jury were Messrs. C. Austin, foreman, P. H. Osborne and D. L. Newbigging. Captain D. J. Grey represented the Royal Marines, and Lt. the Hon. G. R. Cleary-Hill represented the 2nd Battalion of the Royal Welch Fusiliers. The evidence of Stoker Dixon was fully corroborated by Marine R. J. Astman, of H. M. S. Tarantula. The Jury, without retiring, returned their verdict, after which Mr. Schofield expressed the sympathy of the Court and the Jury with the relatives of the deceased.

HONG KONG LADY PASSES

Sudden Death Of
Mrs. G. Miskin

FUNERAL AT HAPPY VALLEY

The funeral of the late Mrs. Joyce Miskin, wife of Mr. C. Miskin, of Messrs. Ghman and Co., whose death occurred at the War Memorial Hospital yesterday, took place in the afternoon at the Protestant Cemetery, Happy Valley, the Rev. H. W. Baines officiating at the graveside. The principal mourner was her husband, Mr. G. Miskin.

There was a large gathering at the graveside, and some hundreds of wreaths were sent.

Among them, were tributes from Annie, Angela and Richard, Goddard and Douglas, Kenneth, Betty and Lolly, Ethel, Louise and Cedric, Mary, Dudley and Sam.

The late Mrs. Miskin was born in Hong Kong, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Ram.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Miskin leaves two sons, one of whom is in England and the other in Hong Kong. Sincere sympathy will be felt with them in their bereavement.

NOTED SCIENTIST PASSES

DR. R. G. CANTI

SERVICES TO SCIENTIFIC AND
MEDICAL RESEARCH

London, To-day.

The death has occurred at the age of 52 of Dr. R. G. Canti, who has done notable pioneer work in making films for scientific and medical research. By apparatus of his own construction, based on that used in microscopic photography and slow motion films, he obtained visible records of the progress of living cells under conditions of disease.

One of Dr. Canti's films showing the reactions of cancerous growth to radium rays was shown to a distinguished lay audience at No. 10, Downing Street, some time ago while Mr. Ramsay MacDonald was Premier. Tributes to the value and promise of Dr. Canti's work was paid yesterday by medical colleagues, including Lord Horder.

Dr. Canti also took a leading part in inspiring and organising the British Red Cross blood-transfusion service, which now numbers over 2,000 volunteers—British Wireless Service.

RELIEF FOR EMIGRES

Figures Published At
Geneva

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE'S
REPORT

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL
Geneva, To-day.

In view of the serious charges made against the new Germany by Mr. James Macdonald on resigning his post of League High Commissioner for Refugees from Germany, special interest attaches to the report of the international committee for the assistance of refugees, dated January 3 and issued yesterday by the League of Nations Secretariat, since the figures contained therein dispose of a number of the allegations made by Mr. Macdonald.

The report shows that German emigres are only a small part of the total refugees under the supervision of the committee, the Germans numbering 80,000 to 100,000, of which three to four thousand are from the Saar, whereas the Armenians number 240,000 and the Russian emigres seven to eight thousand.

RELIEF EXPENDITURE
From the point of view of relief expenditure German emigres cost nothing like the amount spent on political propaganda. From 1927 to 1934 the so-called Nansen Office spent 2.7 million gold francs for the relief of the distress of refugees, while the French Government was obliged to spend 11,000,000 francs for settling fugitives in Syria.

The advances made in the year 1935 by 10 States on the basis of the right of asylum amounted to about 30,000,000 gold francs, whereas the sum claimed by the French Government for Saar emigres looks exceedingly modest at 1,750,000 gold francs—Trans-Ocean Service.

POLICE INSPECTOR RETIRING

Insp. A. J. W. Doring

FINE RECORD OF SERVICE
OVER 23 YEARS

Detestive Inspector Arthur James William Doring, a popular member of the Hong Kong Police Force, is retiring on pension on January 20, after nearly 23 years' service. He is remaining in residence with his family in Hong Kong, and it is understood he is going into business.

Appointed to the local Force from England on November 15, 1913, Inspector Doring arrived in the Colony on December 27 of the same year to take up his duties as a Police Constable. Nine years later, on July 15, 1922, he was promoted to Police Sergeant, and became Sub-Inspector on October 1, 1925. He was appointed Inspector on June 15, 1933.

Inspector Doring has had a distinguished career in the Force, being commended by the Inspector General of Police no less than seven times.

During his period of service, he received a Police medal in connection with work during the 1922 strike in the Colony, while in 1934 he was commended by His Excellency the Governor in connection with the rounding up of two desperate gangs of robbers who were responsible for holding up money changers' establishments.

During most of his service, he has been connected with the Criminal Intelligence Department.

CORRESPONDENCE

Piano At Helena May
Institute

To The Editor, "China Mail"
Dear Sir,—In the course of my report of Madame Madalah Mas-sa's recent recital at the Helena May Institute, I suggested that the piano should have been tuned before the concert, as a compliment to the capabilities of the performer.

I am informed by a member of the Committee of the Institute that the piano was in fact tuned on the morning of the recital, and that it is their invariable rule to have the instrument tuned before any public performance is given there.

I hope, therefore, that you will allow me to withdraw any criticism of the Helena May Institute which may have been read into my remarks. But the fact remains that half a dozen notes on the piano were grossly out of tune for the greater part of the recital, though I admit that this may have occurred during the concert itself—a not unlikely circumstance—which, I am informed, was actually the case.

Yours, etc.,
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U.S. MONETARY POLICY

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CURRENCY EXPANSION

Washington: Currency expansion to protect farm prices was advocated by Senator Bankhead in an assault on the A.A.A. decision, while President Roosevelt conferred with legal, financial and agricultural advisers on the A.A.A. problem. Calling the decision astounding, Senator Bankhead said: "The President should be empowered and should exercise the power to issue currency against all the silver and gold owned by the Government lying sterile in the Treasury."—Reuter.

HOME FOR JEWS IN SIBERIA?

Project Being
Discussed

Washington:—The prospect of being sent to Siberia arises before emigrant Jews as the result of a conference between an American committee for Jewish Settlement and the Soviet Ambassador, M. Troyanovsky. The journey to Siberia would hold none of its Czarist terrors, for

however, for the proposition under discussion was the settlement of non-Russian Jews in Birobidjan, Eastern Siberia where, according to the Embassy, they would enjoy the same privileges as native settlers of this district, including membership of collective farms, immediate employment in State or co-operative industrial enterprises and free allotment of land for homes.

Members of the committee thanked the Ambassador for facilities already accorded in this area to non-Russian Jews—Reuter.



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Sandow, The Dream Tree

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impulsive honesty. Nothing had been taken. There were the two beds which he remembered, the kitchen chair, and the easy chair. The axe was in its place in the corner behind the stove. Even the intern had oil in it.

Night fell. He built a roaring fire in the rustic stone fireplace, ate ravenously, and slept presently in a bed made of two blankets, two steamer rugs, and an automobile robe.

At the end of a month he had stopped aching from head to foot and was panning in the neighbourhood of \$3 a day. It was unlikely that he would ever strike a rich pocket, but he preferred to believe the opposite. It made life so much more interesting. He had located his boundaries. Half a mile of the level ridge back of the cabin belonged to him and both banks of the brook for an equal distance.

If the hill could have been worked by the Alaska-Juneau process it might have developed into a valuable property. But for less than one hundred thousand dollars it was hardly possible to make the experiment. Meanwhile he was living a life of gorgeous independence and putting money in the bank.

Mrs. Radcliff wrote that from the sale of his things she had more than paid herself what was owing and she enclosed the difference, a postal order for eight dollars.

Sometimes when the loneliness became a little too bitter he sought companionship in Jim Town. He had scraped acquaintance with a number of old timers and he never wearied of the stories they told him. Sometimes these were stories of violence, but mostly they were of fortunes missed or won by strange freaks of fortune.

They told, for instance, of the Swede who was new to the diggings and who, when he asked where he had better start digging, was told that at the roots of yonder tree might be a good place. And so it proved to be. With the first thrust of his shovel the Swede opened a pocket which netted him nearly thirty thousand dollars. There were many variations of this story and there were stories of men who had been told where to dig in dreams. If dreams are the children of suggestion then it was this last family of stories which deeply affected Johnnie Brinkley's future life.

He began to dream. At first the dream seemed merely to assure him that somewhere on his property there was a rich pocket of gold. But they did not tell him where it was, even vaguely. Then, and probably the story of the Swede had a hand in this, he dreamed that the rich pocket was all deeply mixed up with the roots of a tree. Five nights later he saw the tree. It was not to be mistaken for any other tree. It was a white oak and it had one main branch which doubled back on itself as a man's arm doubles when he shows off his biceps. Even after the stuff of dreams had been swept away by the clear morning light and he was wide awake the image of the tree remained fixed in his memory. But even this fact did not at once start him on a wild goose chase. Every one was agreed that a dream before it could amount to a row of pins had to be dreamed three times.

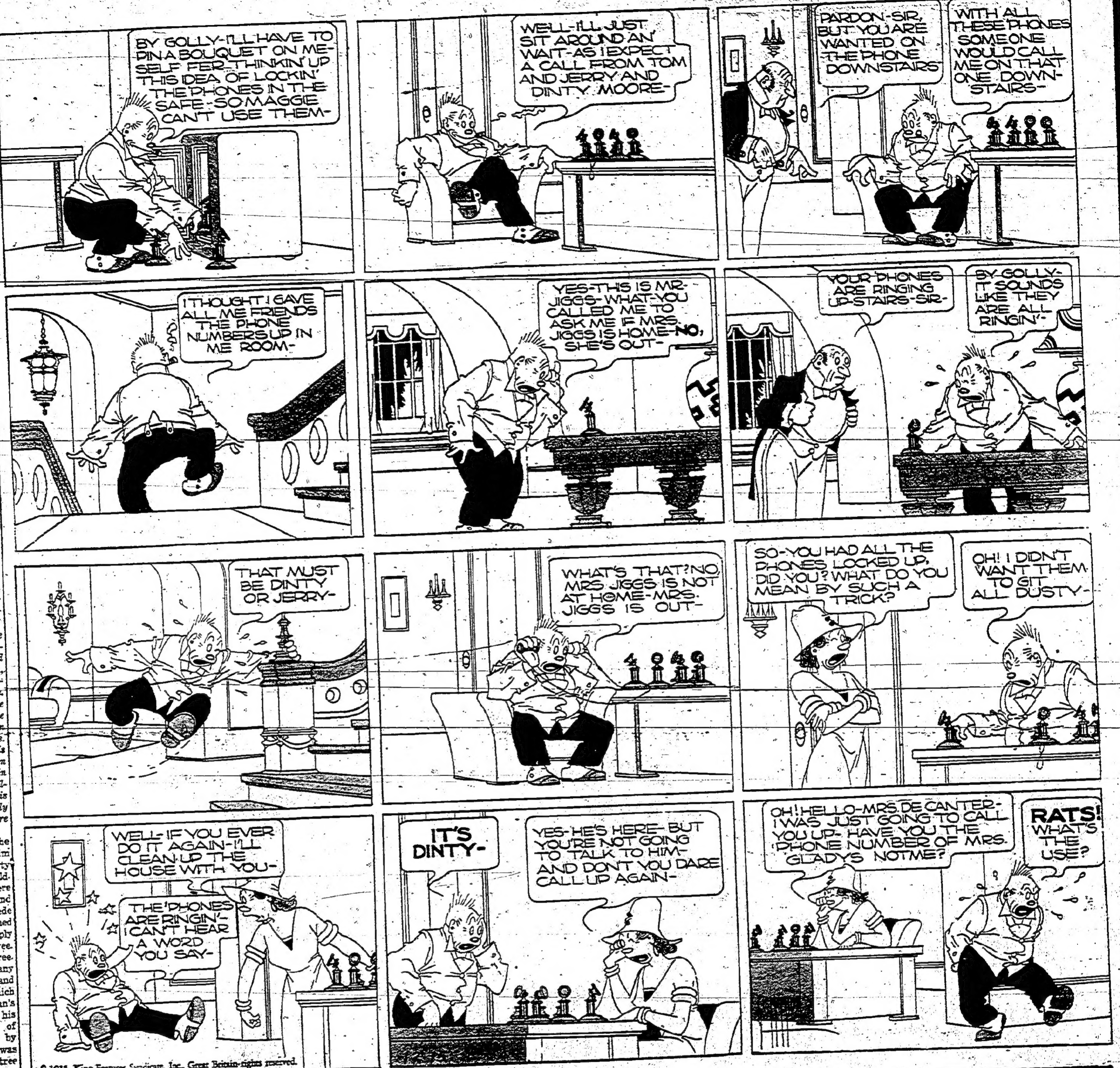
Nevertheless, the gold fever of which he was by no means cured flared up with renewed force and hope.

Johnnie was not in the least greedy. The thought of finding something rare, something which two generations of miners had overlooked, excited him much more than the thought of finding something valuable. It was a sporting proposition. If the pocket did exist he simply had to find it. Just so it is possible to conceive of a man who should gradually work himself into a passion of determination to find the needle that has been lost in the haystack.

After Johnnie Brinkley had once more seen the tree in a dream he gave it a name. He called it Sandow because of the proud way in which it stood and showed off its biceps. But he had made up his mind, which was beginning to be tinged with superstition, that it would be bad luck to make a hunt for the tree until he had seen it in a third dream. And, of course, he dreamed about the tree in a

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Bringing Up Father



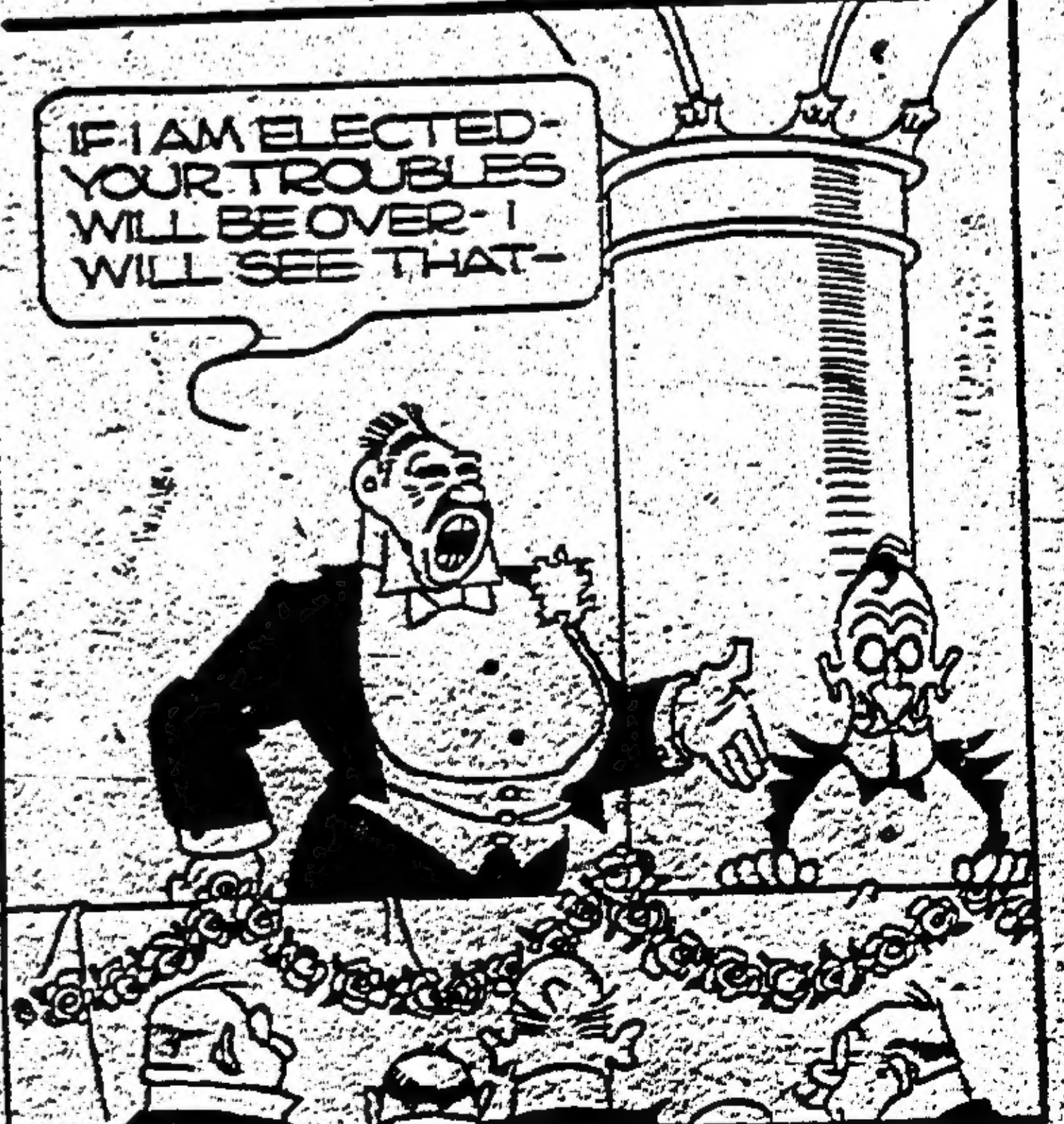
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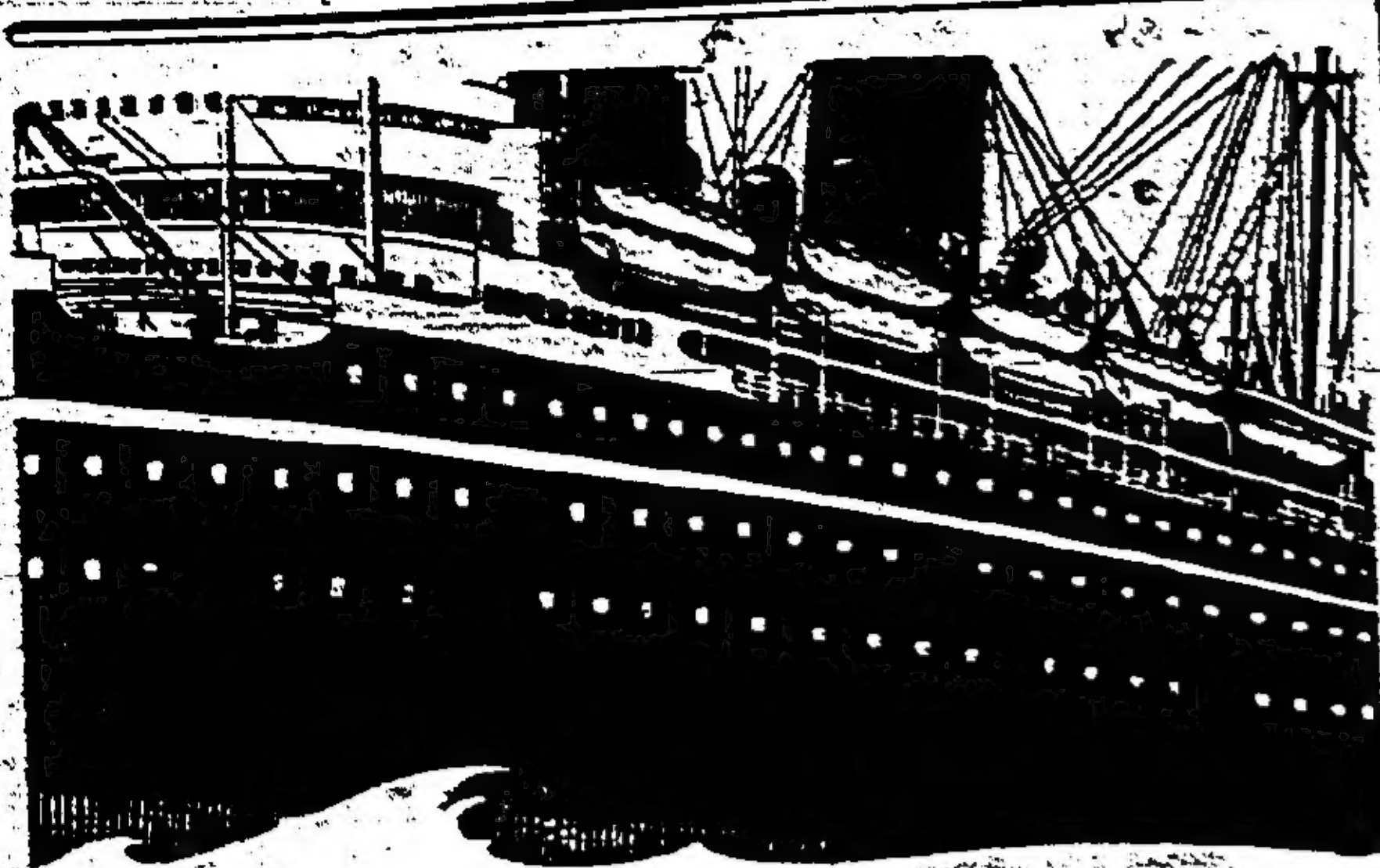
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CARTHAGE	14,500	2nd May	Marseilles & London.
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Sandow, The Dream Tree

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third dream and walked in such a state of excitement that he could not even delay his quest for breakfast.

In the dream landscape Sandow, the dream tree, stood on sloping ground and was thickly pressed by other trees. And beyond it were dense thickets of leatherwood and azaleas and rhododendrons. It was only from one very especial point of view that the doubled arm could be seen. It was not going to be easy to find the tree.

All his operations for the recovery of minute grains of gold ceased abruptly, for he had determined to find that tree if it cost him the last dollar that he had saved. He could always go back to panning and begin all over again. He told himself that he was a fool and an idiot, but this did not do any good.

Late in October premature storm clouds gathered and the first rain fell. For three hours it came down with a roar and stopped as suddenly as it had begun.

Johnnie Brinkley, who had taken refuge in his cabin, at once sallied forth to renew his search for the dream tree. But when he had flung open the door of the cabin he paused. His world seemed to be sprinkled with diamonds. The brook roared red. Immense frogs had come out of hiding and were getting their throats in order for the rainy season. Further more the sudden rain had left behind an ethereal mist. And across this, magnificently arched and firm to the eye like a bridge, was flung a rainbow.

It was a complete rainbow. It had two ends. And Johnnie Brinkley stood and wondered which end was the other end, the end which in the legends discovers the pot of gold.

It was more convenient to hope that the other end was the nearer end because the nearer end was somewhere on his own land where the trees and bushes were thickest; and where he had spent most of his time hunting for Sandow, the dream tree. This time he found it.

The rainbow had vanished and the point where the other end had actually rested could be nothing more than a wild guess. Nevertheless he walked straight to the tree and realised that he had already passed it a dozen times without recognising it. There was only one point from which you could see the giant's doubled arm.

If, as Johnnie had dreamed, the treasure was deep down among the roots of the tree, it would be a waste of labour to go down for it with pick and shovel. The situation seemed almost to cry aloud for dynamite. Once the great vegetable had been blasted into the air it would be child's play to uncover the gold.

Johnnie had had no experience with dynamite. And he took advice from his cronies in Jim Town. These even offered assistance. But this he refused because if they discovered that he was actually going to blow up a perfectly good tree because he had dreamed that there was gold under it they would laugh at him.

He allowed them to believe that the dynamite was merely intended to loosen up a piece of very hard digging and make it easier. He wished to block out enough dirt to last him through the winter.

In addition to the dynamite, of which he was wholesomely afraid, and the fuses to set it off, he bought a crowbar with which to drill the holes in which to plant his charges.

Early the next morning Johnnie Brinkley began to drill holes about the base of the tree. Much patience was needed because he constantly met with obstacles, roots, and rocks which refused to be drilled. And it was not until the

end of the second day that he was satisfied with the preliminary work. Early the following morning, not without misgivings, he began to plant his charges and arrange his fuses. But it was not until the sun was high in the heavens that he looked upon the completed work and felt that it was good.

Three fuses of equal length were to be lighted. And it was to be hoped that the force unleashed by these would explode the other sticks of dynamite to which no fuses had been connected.

He was ashamed to note that the hand with which he now struck a match was trembling. He drew a deep breath, lighted the three fuses as quickly, the one after the other, as might be, and fled from that place.

Arrived at what he conceived to be a safe distance he darted behind the stem of a tree and would have

put his fingers in his ears if he had not been ashamed to do so. He began to wonder if the fuses had gone out. He was for looking back to see if they were still smoking. He poked his head out and looked.

Standing on one foot, leaning against the trunk of Sandow, the dream tree, in the attitude of a young and pretty creature who is trying a shoe lace, was a girl. As he rushed toward her his mouth

filled with warning shouts and cries, his subconscious mind noted that she had the look of an Indian.

In other words, her straight black hair was bobbed and held in place by a bow of ribbon. And her face and bare arms were darkly tanned.

By the time he reached her, running and shouting like a mad man, she had finished tying her shoe and looked up. Her thought perhaps, was that she had been caught trespassing and was being ordered off.

Indeed, she distinguished the words "Get out of there!" But the young man who rushed upon her looked rather frightened than angry and she was puzzled.

The next moment she was still more puzzled. The young man seized her hand in his and, turning, started to run down the hill with incredible speed. If it had not been for the dragging upon her hand she could not have kept pace with him.

The young man caught his toe under a root and fell flat on his face. The girl fell flat on top of him. At the same moment all the dynamite exploded and Sandow, the dream tree, together with a lot of other things, rose into the air.

Twigs, dust, and pebbles and acorns came showering down. The girl sat up and burst out laughing. "So that was it!" She had been standing on the young man's blast. And what had seemed extraordinary and unaccountable behaviour had been an act of the most chivalrous heroism. He had risked his life to save hers. Well, the danger was now all over. The young man wriggled his head around and was smiling at her. She smiled at him.

And just then a lump of wood, light fortunately because it was rotten, which had been blown higher into the air than anything else and was consequently the last to fall, came squarely down upon the top of her head. Her eyes became glassy and, like those of a slapstick comedian in the movies, seemed to be looking in different directions. Then she keeled over on her side and lay like a dead thing.

It was no more than a quarter of a mile to the cabin and there was no other shelter within a mile and a half. He couldn't very well leave her on the ground while he went for a doctor and it seemed best to pick her up in his arms and carry her to the cabin.

She was easily lifted and he judged that she weighed about a hundred and sixteen pounds. He had always rather fancied himself as a guesser of weights. But she was an awkward package to carry because she had gone completely limp and to have supported her properly at the necessary points would have required either two men or one man with four arms.

His intuition had diagnosed her trouble correctly. She had been knocked out. But there are many degrees of being knocked out and he was afraid that her skull had been cracked and that she might die before he could get help. The thought that this eventually would be exceedingly awkward for him and would require a lot of explanation

did not occur to him until all danger of it had passed.

He laid her on his cot, bathed her face and wrists with cold water, and applied a cold compress to the lump on the top of her head. This lump resembled the half of a hen's egg.

He had a vague idea that when a woman fainted or lost consciousness for any cause that the first act of the Good Samaritan was to fasten something or other, corsets or some such arrangement. But to lift the girl and carry her was to know that she did not wear anything of that kind. And he compromised by taking off her shoes.

He had also the notion that when a person isn't just right they must be kept warm, so he covered her with two blankets, changed the compress on her head, noted with satisfaction that the lump had already begun to go down, and was

about to leave her and drive into town for a doctor when her eyelids twitched and presently opened. The girl moaned and once more the eyelids met together over the fine brown eyes. Or were they black?

He stood irresolutely. Ought he to leave her? Ought he not? Perhaps if he sponged her face again she would really come to and be able to answer the question for herself. So he sponged the hand, some, clear cut, brown face and then hovered about in uncertainty.

He noted that she was handsome, or perhaps beautiful rather than pretty. Her nose was straight and strong. Her brows were level, her eyes wide apart. Her chin, cleft in the middle, and the lines of her jaw suggested resolution. Her hair was straight and Indian black. In the set of

sponging her face he had pushed the hair back so that her ears showed. They were small, thin, and shapely and set very close to her head. Another hallmark of courage.

At this point in his hovering observations and uncertainty she came to as suddenly as she had gone out. Her wits at the moment were scattered far and wide. But by an effort of will she picked up the fragments and very quickly put them together again. And Johnnie Brinkley drew a heartfelt breath of relief.

"What hit me?" she asked. "A lump of rotten wood?" Disclosing a shapely brown arm, bare to the shoulder, she felt the top of her head in a gingerly way. Johnnie noted that the underside of her arm where the sun had not touched it was magnolia white.

"Head awfully sore?" he asked. "Not so bad," she said. And her eyes began to take in the details of her surroundings. "This your cabin?" Johnnie nodded.

"Miser?" "In a way." Again with a lovely gesture she felt the top of her head. "Why the big blast?" she asked. "To move a tree," he explained. "I dreamed three times that there was a big pocket of gold mixed up with the top root of that particular tree."

"And, of course," the girl smiled, "when you dream a thing three times it's plumb foolish not to do something about it. Well, how about it? Was the gold there?" "I haven't had a chance to look," said Johnnie. "I've been too busy playing stretcher bearer, doctor and nurse."

"I bet I weigh a ton." "You weigh exactly 116 pounds." "That's a good guess," she said. "Only a pound off. I weighed at the grocery store day before yesterday."

"Tell me," said Johnnie, "do you think it would be a good plan if I went for a real doctor?" "I think it would be a better plan," said the girl, "if you gave me a drink of water and then found out about the gold under the tree."

"That," said Johnnie, "would be a frightful breach of hospitality." He fetched her a drink of water. "Just how do you feel?" "Woody."

"No bad pain? You don't feel sick?" "No," she said. "I'm tough." And all of a sudden she sat up and swung her feet over the side of the cot. Then she stood up and shook herself.

"Come along," she said, "let's go look-see."

She did not look in the least like there were chores to do. But he

doing anything of the kind, but

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since the pleasant, helpful young man must surely be dying of curiosity she felt it her duty to make the effort. Perhaps he guessed what was passing in her mind, for with a certain young sternness he said:

"Nothing doing," and ordered her to sit down in the one chair that was comfortable to sit in. He folded a steamer rug and placed it under her feet so that the chill of the board floor should not strike through her stockings. Then he made a fire and set the coffee pot on the hearth in front of it.

"When you have had a cup of coffee," he said, "you'll feel lots better. And then, if you like, I'll drive you home."

"You're mighty nice."

"I'm no such thing, but I've got a car and there is some gas in the tank. Where do you live?"

"A mile and a half down the road."

"On the other side of the brook?" She nodded. And it occurred to him that here perhaps was a link with the past.

"Have you always lived there?" he asked.

"Not always," she answered. "I was born there, but when my father and mother died I went away for a spell. I got to be cashier in a hashhouse in Merced. When the bad times came the place went out of business and I'd been homesick all the time and so I came home."

"Got any brothers and sisters?" "Nobody. I am on my own."

"So am I," said Johnnie, "and it isn't too bad. What do you do for a living?"

"Pick the apples when they are ripe and pan dirt."

"That's why you're so brown. When I saw you standing against that tree with a fuse smoking just to the left of you I thought you were an Indian. Got a car?"

She wriggled her toes to bring her feet into evidence and said: "Nothing but these. When I have to go to town for supplies I walk."

"You mean you used to walk," said Johnnie. "We'll arrange to do our shopping on the same days and I'll come and fetch you."

And it was in his mind that he would do more than that. He would work more steadily than ever so that whenever they drove to Jim Town he would be able to blow her to a bang-up dinner at the Black Cat.

"When I was a small boy," he said, "my father sent me with a message to a man who lived a mile and a half down the road on the other side of the brook. I have forgotten the message and the man's name. The man had a wife and they had a little girl just learning to talk. As a matter of fact she staggered around like a drunken sailor. She hid behind her mother's dresses and peeked out at me. And now that I think of it she had black eyes and black hair."

"Was the name Brown by any chance?"

And now out the hazy past the memory that this was indeed the name came to him. He nodded and smiled.

"Of course that's the name, he said. 'And now I am beginning to remember something else. Is your first name by any chance Molly?"

"Molly Brown, that's my name," said the girl.

"My name," he said, "is Johnnie Brinkley and we'll have to be good friends because we are nearest neighbours and because we are both orphans."

Soon after this she suggested that he take her home because she had no more to do. But he said that the chores could wait and

that she wasn't up to them anyway and that she was going to have dinner with him. But he could not prevent her from helping to set the table and to get the dinner. She seemed by some magical instinct to know just exactly where everything was kept in his bachelor establishment. And when dinner was over she refused to budge until she had helped with the dishes. He drove her home in the starlight.

He drove very slowly.

At the end of three long, hard days of picking and shovelling he convinced himself that Sandow, the dream tree, had not stood guard over a rich pocket of gold. But he was too busy with other thoughts to care much, or indeed do anything but laugh at himself for his folly.

That night he dreamed once more and for the last time about the dream tree. But this time there was not any question of a pocket of gold under it, but only of a young girl who leaned against it in the attitude of one who tightens and ties a shoe lace.

The next day was the first of the days on which they had agreed to drive together into Jim Town and do their shopping. They ate magnificently at the Black Cat. A thick sirloin steak, spiced French fried potatoes, homemade bread with sweet butter, two or three cups of hot coffee apiece and between them a very large and deep cherry pie.

In the morning when he had called for her she had asked about the pocket of gold. And he had answered with evasion that he was not sure yet. But when in the dusk he had returned her to her little house in the hillside apple orchard the certainty was won.

"I lied to you this morning," he said.

"What about?" she asked. "About what was under the tree I blasted."

"Gold," she asked. "Phew!" he said, his eyes shining. "Enough to last a man his entire lifetime."

"Aren't you the lucky boy!" she exclaimed. And her eyes could not have shown more sincere happiness if the treasure trove had been her own.

"I hope so," said Johnnie. And because he was a little excited and frightened his voice had a note of gruffness. "But listen, Molly, it wasn't exactly gold that I found under the tree. It was a girl who would be worth ten thousand times her weight in gold to me if I could make the grade."

She looked at him very steadily for quite a long time, her face grave and serious. Johnnie felt altogether ghastly. He had turned pale and he was trembling. He had come through his first declaration of love not too badly, but the effect and the uncertainty of what her answer might be had left him shattered. And this unhappy state of his being did not escape the deep, dark scrutiny of Molly Brown's fine eyes. The corners of her mouth twitched, and then her mouth itself parted in a glad, jolly, white and coral smile.

"Is that all that's worrying you?" she asked.

"The evening breezes stirred and sighed among the needles of the digger pines. The sweet, sharp resinous odors filled the nostrils of the young people, and their first faltering kiss became a history. Then they sat down on the steps of Molly's house and held hands for hours and planned their future and forgot all about their future."

[THE END]

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CANTONESE TEACHERS' GRIEVANCE

Salaries Two Months In Arrears

ANXIETY AS CHINESE NEW YEAR APPROACHES

(From Our Own Correspondent)
Canton, To-day.

With the approach of the Chinese New Year, which will begin on January 24, teachers in the municipal schools are reminding the Municipal Bureau of Education that their salaries for November and December are still unpaid.

Some of them have received their pay for October by "borrowing" from the schools; others have not yet drawn anything for that month. The teachers need money to settle their accounts and pay their rent before Chinese New Year.

It is learned that the Canton Municipal Government has promised to pay a part of the salary in arrears before January 22.

The Canton Municipal Bank is turning out a large number of banknotes of various denominations, which are accepted here at full value. Hence the teachers consider that their back salaries should be paid in full promptly.

PRIZEGIVING CEREMONY

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health and happiness. Secondly, I wish to announce that a fortnight ago, about the same time as in 1934, I received from Mr. A. E. Wood, the founder of this school, a letter asking me to remember him to members of my staff, and wishing our boys steady progress. I am sure all present here to-day appreciate his keen interest in this school.

"Mr. Chan-Sik-kan, one of our Old Boys, is also to be congratulated on his graduation from the English and Chinese Group of the Arts Faculty of the Hong Kong University. I hope more of our boys will enter the University and take either Group VI or Group VII for the purpose of getting a thorough culture in both languages.

"Before concluding I wish to thank the Lan-Hok-Tsun for continuing their scholarship donations and the prize donors for their unflinching interest in this institution."

Prize List
The following in the complete prize list:

Normal Certificate
1. Mok Chun Yau; 2. Sit Shin Yin; 3. Au Wai Yuen; 4. Chan Pui Lam; 5. Lam Chi Keung.

School Leaving Certificate
1. Chan Yik On; 2. Tso Chung Chiu; 3. Li Woon Wah.

Fung Ping Shan Scholarships
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H. M. III—Chan Yik On
(University Exam.) (Honours Dist. in Higher Chinese); 2. Tso Chung Chiu (Dist. in Algebra); 3. Li Woon Wah.

H. M. II—1. Kwan Sui Kim
(Annual Exam); 2. Li Yik Kei; 3. Chan Chun Kan.

1. Kwan Shiu Kim (Terminal Exam).

H. M. I—1. Cheung Chung Leung; 2. Wong Chi Kin; 3. Chan Sui Fai.

1. Cheung Chun Leung (Terminal Exam).

L. M. III—1. Sak Pak Hang; 2. Li Seung Ngai; 3. Wai Po Kwai.

1. Wai Po Kwai (Terminal Exam).

L. M. II—1. Wong Chi Kin; 2. Woo Kwok Ip; 3. Au Yung Yik Tsun.

1. Wong Chi Kin (Terminal Exam).

L. M. I—1. Wong Man Hon; 2. Mak Ping Lam; 3. Yau Po Chiu.

1. Wong Man Hon (Terminal Exam).

Normal II Year—1. Mok Tsuen Yan; 2. Sit Shin Yin; 3. Au Wai Yuen.

1. Lam Chi Keung (Terminal Exam).

Normal I Year—1. Tsai Sai Tsun; 2. Yeung Shu Lin; 3. Tse Wai Kuen.

1. Tsai Sai Tsun (Terminal Exam).

H. P. IIA—1. Leung Yiu Young

MEETING IN LONDON

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MEETING POSTPONED
London: No meetings of the Naval Conference were held yesterday. Informal discussions, however, took place between the British and Japanese delegations at the Foreign Office yesterday afternoon. The conversations, which were most friendly and lasted an hour and a half, were undertaken with a view to considering the future procedure of the Conference.

The Japanese delegates expressed a desire that the discussions should revert to the subject of quantitative limitation pure and simple, and in view of this expression of opinion it was agreed that the best plan would be to postpone to-day's meeting of the First Committee until Monday. In the meantime soundings will be taken amongst the other delegations to ascertain whether they will be prepared to acquiesce in this proposal.

Informal conversations will consequently take place to-day with the other Powers.

DELEGATES ENTERTAINED

The delegates to the London Naval Conference were entertained by His Majesty's Government at a dinner last night, at which the First Lord of the Admiralty, Viscount Mounsell, presided and the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, and other Ministers were present. In addition to the delegates the guests included the foreign Ambassadors, and Ministers, Dominions' High Commissioners and among the leading political personalities, the leader of the Opposition, Major C. R. Attlee—British Wireless Service.

POLICE SERGEANT ARRESTED

Failed To Chase Attackers

Cadiz.—For not attacking and giving chase to three peasants who fired at him and his men, a police sergeant has been arrested here and put in prison. He is Sergeant Jose Pereira. He has been placed in prison in the same cell as his assailants.

The charge against him is one of negligence in that he did not give chase to his aggressors with his men, but remained "crouched inside the police car."

The prosecution are demanding five years' imprisonment for the sergeant and 25 years' each for his assailants.—Reuter.

MAYOR OF PEIPING ON SICK LEAVE

Peiping, To-day.—General Chin Teh-chun, Mayor of Peiping, proceeded to the Western Hill yesterday afternoon to recuperate his health. General Chin was granted 'nine weeks' sick leave by General Song Cheh-yuan yesterday.—Central News Agency.

2. Li Yiu Wing; 3. Mo Wan Long.

1. Li Yiu Wing (Terminal Exam).

H. P. IIB—1. Tang Man Bin; 2. Li Hing Man; 3. Chau Ping Kuen.

1. Tang Man Bin (Terminal Exam).

H. P. IA—1. Yu Kwong Kau; 2. Tse Yuk Wing; 3. Wan Fook Kee.

1. Yu Kwong Kau (Terminal Exam).

H. P. IB—1. Sin Chi Wai; 2. Chan Hoi Shuen; 3. Chan Ho Tat.

1. Chan Chi Fun (Terminal Exam).

Subject Prizes

English
L. M. II—Woo Kwok Ip.
L. M. I—Wong Man Hon.

H. P. IIA—Leung Yiu Young.
H. P. IIB—Tang Man Bin.
H. P. IA—Yu Kwong Kau.
H. P. IB—She Hing Wing.

Chinese
Normal II Year—Mok Chun Yan.

Normal I Year—Tsai Sai Tsun.
L. M. II—Chiu Chiu Cheong.
L. M. I—Tam Chi Woon.

H. P. IIA—Leung Yiu Young.
H. P. IIB—Li Hing Man.
H. P. IA—Yu Kwong Kau.
H. P. IB—Chan Hoi Shuen.

Education and School Methods
Normal II Year—Sit Shin Yin.
Normal I Year—Tse Wai Kuen.

Mathematics and Science
L. M. II—Wong Chin.
L. M. I—Mak Ping Lam.

Chinese Painting for Whole School
1. Wong Chi Kin; 2. Au Yung Yik Tsun.

CHINESE NEW YEAR

Facilities For Annual Settlement

RULES DRAFTED FOR PROVINCES

Nanking, To-day.

In view of the approach of Chinese New Year, the time for settling accounts, the Ministry of Finance issued a circular telegram yesterday to the various provincial and municipal Governments, announcing minor modifications in the use of legal tender notes.

Beginning from yesterday until the Chinese New Year eve, the telegram states that in places where legal tender notes are in circulation, payments may be made in silver coins, in the event of a deficiency of such notes. In places where legal tender notes are not yet circulated, the payments may also be made in silver coins.

In either case, such silver coins when received should be handed to the nearest exchange agents in exchange for legal tender notes. Hoarding is strictly prohibited.

The police and gendarmes, the telegram says, should be instructed not to interfere with the carrying of silver coins by the people for purchases or settlement of accounts. But if any one is found to be purposely collecting or smuggling silver coins, he should be dealt with in accordance with the law.—Central News Agency.

OBITUARY

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OPENING AS EXTRA

He tried then to get taken on in his father's company, but there was no opening for him, so he sent his picture to one of Los Angeles' famous directors.

He was told to go to the studio, and he was taken on as an "extra."

After a year at this he was given the lead with Enid Bennett in "Princess of the Dark," but once again he lapsed into obscurity.

Next, he tried his hand at writing. He was signed on by a company as scenario writer. Almost immediately the company went bankrupt.

That, however, seemed to be the end of his bad luck. Contracts began to come in fast, and he was soon not only acting and writing, but also directing.

GREATEST PART
He wrote "The Great Redeemer" and adapted "The White Circle" among others. One of his greatest parts was that of the Spanish Ambassador in "Queen Christina."

John Gilbert was married three times—to Leatrice Joy, Ina Claire and Virginia Bruce. Each marriage ended in divorce.

Devoted to his two dogs, a regular attendant at boxing matches, and a more than average pianist, he always insisted on using the same dressing room that he had in the days when he was an "extra."

CANTON PROPOSES NEW SCHEME

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Officials are being given more time to formulate the second Plan, as the first one was formed in a hurry. It was drawn up by minor Government employees without much time for revision and investigation. As a result, some of the Government industrial works are not making money.

The outstanding achievement of the first Plan is the erection of a new arsenal in Pa Kiang, 30 miles north of Canton. All the machinery was ordered from Germany, and the plant will be in operation some time in the Spring. The iron and steel which are essential as raw materials will be ordered from abroad until an iron and steel plant is established in Canton.

The cost of the latter project is estimated at \$30,000,000 and officials here have not yet found any way to raise this large sum.

GUARD AGAINST SHEEP THIEVES

Sheep stealing has been so rife in North Devon that farmers are taking extra precautions. Eleven of one flock disappeared in a night.

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